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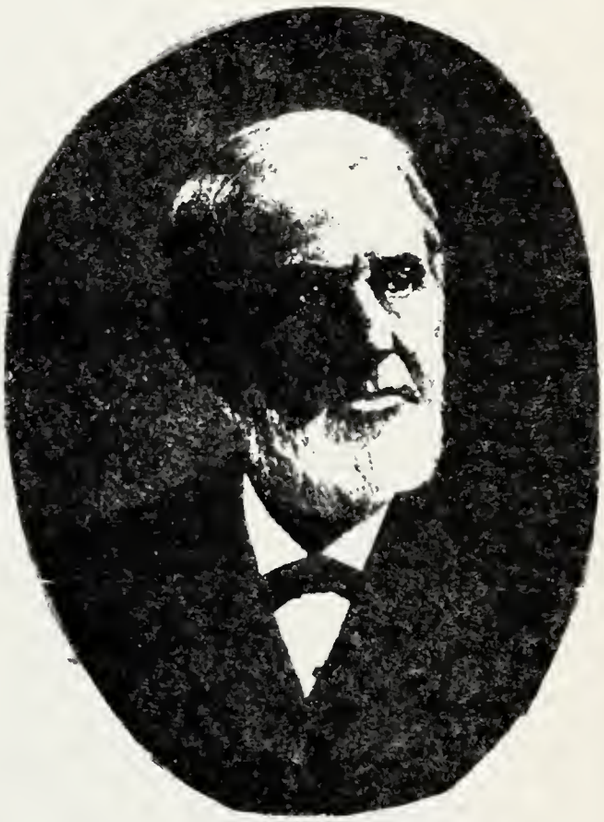



CAPTIONS FOR PRECEDING PAGE OF DAMERON FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

TOP ROW:

1. Margaret Phoebe Freeman, b. 1840, at Concord, Ill., d. 1930, and her husband:
2. Joseph Warren Damron, Sr., b. 1841, in Barry County, Mo. d. 1922.
3. William Wallace Damron, b. 1833, Weakley County, Tenn., d. 1898, brother of Joseph Warren Damron and Cynthia Elizabeth Damron Moody, all three the children of John Damron, Jr. b. 1791 in Virginia, and Sarah Elizabeth Shultz b. 1799 in Ky.
4. Cynthia Elizabeth Damron b. 1837, at Barry County, Mo., d. 1872. She married William Cresfield Moody b. 1819 in Coosa County, Ala., d. 1906, having 4 children.

MIDDLE ROW:

5. Joseph Warren Damron, Jr. while a student in the university, b. 1866, d. 1951, m. Mary Abiah Kelly. He was the son of Joseph Warren Damron, Sr.
6. Joseph Warren Damron, Jr. 1866-1951, taken not long before his death.
7. (Below) Lizzie May Damron Whicker Dobson b. 1881, wife of E. O. Whicker, and sister of above Joseph Warren Damron, Jr.

THIRD ROW:

8. Moses S. Ladd, age 82 in 1953, of Albemarle County, Virginia, with Ruth Damron Dorius, of Falls Church, Virginia.
9. Olla Louisa Damron b. 1872, m. Oscar Francis Webster and had five children. She was the fourth child of William Wallace Damron (above, top row) and his wife, Hester Elizabeth Ray.
10. Warren Ladd, author of the book of genealogy, The Ladds of Virginia, which gives the ancestry of John Ladd of Lower Norfolk County, Va., 1653, who married Bathsheba Lovett. They were the ancestors of Anna Ladd, wife of Capt. JohnDamron. The Ladd Family Reunion was held July 18, Bryan Park, Richmond, Va., President, Thomas Mifflin Ladd, 5616 Crenshaw Road, Richmond, Va., the family genealogist.

BOTTOM ROW:

11. Mariam Damron Cropper, one of the chief researchers on the John Damron branch, standing behind the tombstone of "Capt. Jno. Damron, U.S. Soldier, Rev. War" in 1952, in the Illinois cemetery where he was buried. The tall stone at the extreme left is that of Agnes Damron and her husband Stephen Gill, with her inscription on the north side and his on the south. It is on a high hill.
12. Photograph by Mariam Damron Cropper in 1952, of several descendants of John Damron, Sr. b. 1757, still living in Illinois. This was taken beside the tombstone of their ancestor "Capt. Jno. Damron."

Left to right: Martha E. Burris (Martha Elvira Whiteaker b. 1866, dau. of Capt. Mark Whiteaker and Elizabeth Deaton, and grand-daughter of Elvira Damron b. Oct. 27, 1815, d. Mar. 10, 1888) and Hall Whiteaker d. Mar. 1, 1844. Elvira Damron was the daughter of Capt. John Damron and his second wife.)

Charles Thompson Damron of Illinois. The caption says: "He is rather tall and thin, and has blue eyes, but his nose and chin are just like our Dad's, and when he talks you could almost close your eyes and think it was Dad. Same sort of kind, gentle, voice.

Geneva Kugler,
Anna McLean, both descendants of Capt. John Damron, also.

THE DAMERONS OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY IN VIRGINIA:

1. Guarding Point, the Dameron estate from 1652-1849, Northumberland County.
2. Ernest S. Harding in front of his house on the former Dameron plantation.
3. Wicomico Church in Wicomico Parish, Northumberland, where the Damerons lived.
4. Christ Church, "the finest Greek-cruciform Colonial Church in Virginia, 1732."
5. Typical 17th century Virginia farmhouse on the "Northern Neck," two chimneys.
6. Mary Julia Dameron (Mrs. H.C. Old), of the Northumberland County Damerons.

The license of John Damron to Exhort in the Methodist Episcopal Church is renewed by order of the Quarterly Conference held for Poland Mission ~~since~~ Aug 6. 1836.

John Van Cleve P.C.

THE DAMERONS IN ILLINOIS:

John Damron's License as a Methodist Episcopal Minister. Tombstones in Drake Cemetery, ~~Johnson~~ Union County, Illinois, of Capt. John Damron, his daughter, Agnes, who married Stephen Gill, her husband and Stephen's father, Benegar Gill.
(Photographs by Nell Elkins Pearce, 1952.)

Sarah Matilda Damron, 1835-1877 (upper left); her daughter, Sarah Margaret Moody, age 16 (right), and grand-daughter named for her, Sarah Matilda Foster, age 15.

William A. Moody

1. To Left to Right, Solon Foster Jr. with Junius and Sarah Margaret Moody Foster with John.
2. Children of Sarah Margaret Moody & Solon Foster Jr. 1. John 2. Junius 3. Matilda 4. Eugar 5: Joseph 6. George 7. Born (baby).
3. William A. Moody, son of William Moody & Betty Tucker.
4. Foster Left to Right, John, Matilda, Junius, Gallard of Sarah Margaret Moody & Solon Foster Jr.
5. Matilda & Ruth daughters of Sarah Margaret Moody & Solon Foster Jr.

p, the sons of Edward Porteous Dameron of Kentucky (b. 1802 in Va.): L. to R. Edward
rteous Dameron, Jr., D.D.S.; James Thomas (main interest horses and farming); William
nnedy, D.D.S.; Agustus Samuel, M.D.; Robert Allen, M.D. and their sister, Elizabeth
nnedy Dameron, 1832-1884, wife of Hunt Thomas. Below, R., Dr. Robert Allen Dameron 1847-1889.

THE DAMERON-DAMRON GENEALOGY.

CORRECTIONS TO BE MADE IN MANUSCRIPT

PART ONE:

1. Add new Charts A,B,C,D, and either throw away or correct the old ones A,B,C. These follow Page 12-d, Part One.

2. FOREWORD. Change the phrase coat-of-arms to "coats-of-arms."

3. Page 12, next page, add 12-Supplement, which adds a son Samuel to those of Lawrence Dameron, discovered after the mss. was written.

4. Page 12, 16th line from top and 12-a 11th line from bottom, change "in" Westmoreland to "near" Westmoreland. I later found Yeocomico Parish was not in what is now Westmoreland apparently. This change should be noted wherever this idea may occur if I have missed any places. A note can also be added that Mrs. O.A. Keach made a mistake in placing the 1652 grant of Lawrence Dameron in "Wicomico" parish; it was in upper Northumberland on the Yeocomico River, a different stream not now called by this name.

5. Page 22, 3d par. from end, 1st line, John Dameron died in 1757, not 1751.

6. Page 44, 10th line from top, make a note that there was a will in 1735 for this Bartholomew Dameron, proved by his brother Christopher, guardian of William, 1742, which indicates William was a son of Bartholomew.

7. Page 53, 4th line from bottom cut the words "and William". Evidence was found later that possibly William was the son of Bartholomew above noted, rather than Thomas as I first thought. 3d line from bottom, put a question mark, and also a question mark after 2d line, Onesipherous. It is still possible that William and ONesipherous were sons of Thomas but I do not think so with recent research--we have no definite proof yet of their parentage.

8. Line 3, P.58, add at end, "or Bartholomew Dameron[1], and wife Elizabeth Garlington." Then add a line, III, Bartholomew Dameron[2], son of Bartholomew[1], had will proved 1735 by his brother Christopher and in 1742 Christopher was guardian of William, so this indicates that B[2] may have been the father.

9. Page 62, line 9 from top, add "he was the son of either BARTHOLOMEW[2] DAMERON, Josiah Dameron or Lawrence Dameron, Jr." Then add a paragraph. III. BARTHOLOMEW[2], son of Bartholomew[1], and his wife probably Elizabeth Garlington. Mrs. O.A. Keach in a mss. said Christopher "presented the will of his brother, Bartholomew Dameron, as his executor, on June 18, 1735, and was guardian of William (probably his nephew) in 1742." (This was recently sent to me by Louise H. Dameron from her files. Then change the numbering of the generations. If further proofs are found, will make a new page for this family.

10. Page 64. Line 2, put at beginning of line 2, SAMUEL[1] DAMERON or THOMAS DAMERON, ETC. Samuel's wife may have been a Harvey, and the wife of his son Onesipherous may have been the dau. of Maurice Jones.

11. Page 67, add 67-a to the page entitled "Connections Between Dameron and Ball."

12. P. 75, 5th line, add "Aug. 11, 1750, or Aug. 11, 1751.

13. Page 12, Part I, add, add to 5th line from top. Elizabeth was probably dau. of Christopher Garlington.

14. Page 63-b, change marriage of Mary Julia Dameron to 1918 not 1819. Page 63-e, "I am looking at some letters dating from 1835..by Jane's brother, not James."

15. PART II, page 28,4th line from bottom is "Little Creek," not Sittle.

DEDICATION

to

SARAH MATILDA FOSTER

and

SARAH MATILDA DAMRON

FOREWORD

The name Dameron is usually spelled that way or Damron, but Damarell, Damrell and even Dambrell, are variations of the same name. For instance, in the Northumberland County Court Records we find it spelled in every possible manner, including in 1655 "Laurence Damorell." The branch of Lazarus Dameron which went to King George and Albemarle usually spelled it Damarell. You will find the same man spelled two ways in the same document. It is believed that all the Damerons of the Southern States are descended from the same original family of Lawrence Dameron of Northumberland County, Virginia, who came to Virginia before 1652, and was undoubtedly the brother or son of Captain John Dameron. Jennie Harding Cornelius wrote to me: "Your book will be a very valuable one to all concerned if you get the correct data with dates and where it came from. The Dameron family were some of the best people here in this country, and there was only one Dameron that had a grant before 1661."

In early times spelling was different from what it is now and there seemed to be no rules for capitalizing letters and indenting paragraphs. I have tried to copy down the exact spelling and lack of punctuation in the original documents, most of which I have had photostated. Some of them were in such remote Gothic script as to be difficult to decipher.

The Media Research Bureau's report on "The Name and Family of Dam(e)ron," says: "One of the best-known and most ancient of the coats-of-arms of the ancient English family of Dameron or Damron, from which the bearers of the name in America trace their descent, is that described in heraldic terms as follows (Reitstap, Armorial General, 1887): --Argent, a chevron sable accompanied by three torteaux gules. Julia Dameron Old, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, did a beautiful painting of the Dameron arms for this manuscript in red, gold, silver and black. She wrote: "The Dameron coat-of-arms are from France and Bruges and are identical except the Bruges coat gives supporters. My aunt had Tiffany's look it up years ago and later I verified it as follows: General C^2 F, 1 A-R, Congressional Library, Washington, D.C., Reitstap Armorial General, Planches Par Rolland, Reitstap Armorial, Ref. Plate CLXXIII.

'Damerin. Flandre. D'arg. au chev. de sa., acc., de trois tourt. de gu.'"

This book is the product of long and difficult research on the part of several people. I went to the Courthouse of Northumberland County, Heathsville, and also did research in the Virginia State Library in Richmond and in the National Archives and Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Ruth Damron Dorius has also worked in the Washington files. She lives in Falls Church, Va. Jennie Harding Cornelius of Heathsville, Va., was the genealogist who worked on the Northumberland County records. She is a descendant of the Hurst and Harding families of the Northern Neck and has compiled the genealogies of both those families, the Hurst genealogy having been published in Tyler's Quarterly, from October, 1949, through January, 1951. Anne Waller Reddy, of Richmond, Virginia, was the genealogist who worked chiefly on the Revolutionary records. Mariam Damron Cropper has done much research on the John Damron line. Nell Elkins Crawford Pearce, of West Memphis, Arkansas, has done research on the Damrons for twenty-five years along with her other genealogy work. I have tried to quote the source of my references throughout the book. There is a Damron Family Organization, of which the President is George Damron, 4428 Cahuenga Boulevard, North Hollywood, California, which holds reunions in Orange, California, annually.

H.F.S.

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PART TWO

PART THREE: THE DAMERON-DAMRON GENEALOGY.

THE DESCENDANTS OF CAPT. JOHN DAMRON

APPENDICES: THE DAMERON-DAMRON GENEALOGY

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THE LADD FAMILY OF VIRGINIA

With Notes on the Allied Families
of Lovett, Noble, Parker,
Binford and Denison.

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I. THE DAMERON-DAMRON FAMILY OF ENGLAND

I wrote to the Society of Genealogists, Chaucer House, Malet Place, London, W.C. 1, to see what their library had on Damerons, and the secretary V.W.B. Church replied, Dec. 30, 1952, saying: "We ourselves are the only one (Genealogical Society) in England, and our library is the only Genealogical Library as such in this country. We would advise you to get in touch with the Committee for Microfilming and Copying Parish Registers, 57 Church Street, Old Isleworth, Middlesex." As to the material in their library the report was: "Whitmore's Genealogical Guide, Damron--negative; Dameron, Copinger, Suffolk Manors ii, 322; Thompsons Catalogue of British Family Histories, nothing; Family History Section, Damron-Dameron, negative; general information wanted; Marshall's Genealogical Guide, negative.

The following is quoted from an article "The Damerons of England and Virginia," by Mrs. O. A. Keach, with the help of Mr. Chas C. Browning and Dr. Lyon G. Tyler. It is in Tyler's Encyclopedia of Virginia Biography, V. 4, p. 54, and later continued on p. 117.

"'There was anciently in Westerfield a family of Dameron,' recites an old English manuscript history of 'Suffolk Families' by Conder.

"Furgeson, an authority on surnames, says Dameron is a French surname derived from a compound of the old German words dam (judgment) run (wisdom.) The ancient Flemish form of the name is Damerin, and the coat-of-arms is of Flemish origin. French spelling of the name is also Damerin.

"There were many families of the name (variously spelled) seated in the county of Suffolk, England, as old records prove. Such records have been preserved in Conder's Manuscript History of Suffolk Families, in the British Museum, Muskett's Suffolk Memorial Families, and in the Public Records Office in London.

"Damerons were seated at Henley, as the parish register shows, as early as 1440 and glimpses of three or four generations of this family are afforded in the following records.

"Coddenham Parish Register, county Suffolk--1555 Georgius Dameron Nupitur Elizabeth Gosnold XXX die Augustii.

"Baptized 1556 Edmondus Dameron fil Georgii Dameron nat ultimo die maii.

"Edmund Dameron of Henley Hall gentleman, married Margerie, daughter of Judge John Clenche of Cretinge, All Saints Parish, Co. Suffolk, about 1576.

"From Henley Parish Reg.

"Baptized: 1577--27th Feb. Margaret, Daughter, Edmund and Margaret Dameron (Buried 19 Oct. 1579); 1580-- 3 July, Margaret, daughter Edmund and Margaret Dameron; 1581--26 Sept. Edmund, son Edmund and Margaret Dameron; 1584--24 Nov. Thomas, son, Edmund and Margaret Dameron; died young; 1582-- 4 Nov. Sibil, Daughter, Edmund and Margaret Dameron; 1586--27 Feb. John, Son, Edmund and Margaret Dameron; 1588--16 Nov. Elizabeth, Dau. Edmund and Margaret Dameron; 1597--4 March, Anne, Dau. Edmund and Margaret Dameron; 1601--17 Nov. Thomas, son, Edmund and Margaret Dameron.

"On August 18, 1605, Edmund Dameron, the elder, was buried. Sible Dameron, daughter of Edmund, was the third wife of John Browning of Willisham Hall, gentleman.

"Edmund Dameron bonn 1581, son and heir of Mr. Edmund Dameron, Sr. and Margerie Clenche, his wife, sold Henley Hall to Ralph Meadow, and removed to St. Matthew's Parish, Ipswich, county Suffolk. He married 1st Elizabeth 161--2nd Anne 162; baptized--St. Matthew's parish, reg.

"1613--6 March, Elizabeth, daughter, Edmund and Elizabeth Dameron; 1614--19 March, Margerie, daughter, Edmund and Elizabeth Dameron; 1617--7 Sept. Richard,son, Edmund and Elizabeth Dameron (buried Oct. 22, 1623--Richard Dameron, a young child.) 1619--17 January, Anne, daughter of Edmund Dameron; 1622--31 March, William, son of Edmund Dameron.

"This parish register shows that on November 17, 1605, Thomas Baule (Ball)*M--AnneDameron, widow.

"The records of the ancient family of Westerfield Manor begin about fifty years later than those of Henley Hall. Westerfield is a village two or three miles north of Ipswich, the capital city of county Suffolk, and was perhaps the principal seat of this numerous and widely scattered family.

"From the similarity of Christian names, it would appear that the Virginia Damerons were probably of Westerfield descent. The first Dameron of Westerfield of whom the writer has record was designated "John Dameron, the eldest,' and was buried according to the parish register, Sept. 14, 1548. Some years ago a London genealogist helped prepare the following Dameron pedigree:

"John Dameron of Westerfield Manor (buried at Westerfield September 4, 1548) married Joan, Daughter of Richard Mynter. (1563 the XX day of Jan. was buried. Old Joan, Lady of Westerfield which was the daughter of Richard Mynter.) The son and heir was John the younger. It is probable that Mr. William Dameron, church warden, 1553, and who was buried Mch. 1, 1558, Lawrence buried 13 Jan. 1588, and George d. 1565, were sons of the older John. John, the younger, married 1st Joan Goodwin, daughter of John Goodwin of Kesgrove. She was buried October 30, 1552. He married 2d Margaret, dau. of Thomas Felton of Playford, Esq. She was buried May 5, 1600.

"The issue of John Dameron, the younger, gentleman, from Westerfield parish register. Baptized: 1539--May 6--Katherine, dau. of John Dameron, the younger; 1541--Mch. 21--John, son of; 1543--Apr. 16--Thomas; (buried May 5, 1545.) 1544--Mch. 30--Elizabeth, Dau. John Dameron, the younger; 1547--Dec. 18--Thomas; 1557--Apr. 25--Joan, Dau.; 1558--June 27--Sible, Dau.; 1561--April 30--Thomas, sonne of Margaret & Thomas Dameron.

"The third John Dameron, gentleman, son and heir of John Dameron, the younger, married Margaret _____ about 1660. They had a daughter,Joan. He died Feb. 7, 1596, and was buried Feb. 9.

"Margaret, wife of John Dameron, was buried May 5, 1600 (parish register), Conder, in his history of Suffolk Families (ms. in British Museum) states 'The last of that name, a gentleman of 500 pounds or 600 pounds a year had an only daughter _____ whom he married to Collett and to their children left his estate. Thus Joan Dameron, daughter of John Dameron, of Westerfield Manor, gentleman, married John Collett, Nov. 1577 (parish register.)

(Note: There was a Ball family in Lancaster and Northumberland, that of George Washington's mother. Also one of the above Damerons married Elizabeth "Gosnel" or Gosnold, perhaps connected with Bartholomew Gosnold the famous sea captain.)

"In 1667--Bridget Collett devised land etc. 'for schooling the poor' of the village of Westerfield near Ipswich, and April 5, 1675 at a parish church meeting at Westerfield near Ipswich it was arranged how Mrs. Bridget Collett's gift to the parish should be used. Among those present were Mr. Anthony Collett, her executor, and Mrs. Samuel Collett, her brother-in-law.

"Page's 'Suffolk Traveller' concludes this history in the following paragraph--'In 1596, this lordship (or Westerfield) belonged to John Dameron; who devised the same to Anthony Collett ,his grandson, and in 1802, Henry Collett, of this parish, esq. died here in his 78th year. He had filled the office of clerk of the peace for this county for upwards of fifty years.'

"The Church claimed at least one Dameron for in 1534 Mch. 16, a mandate was issued by the Arch-bishop of Suffolk, to Walton Vicarage, Edward Mitchell, rector of Trembly St. Marie, and Robert Dameron, priest, to induct one John Dalton.

"There is a long list of Dameron deeds and wills among the Rishmere or Rushworth deeds in the British Museum. The will of John Dameron of Rushmer devises his lands purchased of Sir Robert and Richard Brooke, called Townfield, to his wife, Katherine for life and then to his sons, John, Thomas, and Robert. He mentions his daughter Margaret, wife of John Smith, and his unmarried daughters, Alice, Mary, Frances and Elizabeth.

"The will of Bartholomew Dameron de Beeches was proved at Ipswich inWill Book 1554-57. The parish register of Little Bealings shows that Thomas Dameron was buried there April 21, 1545. Lawrence Dameron was buried in Westerfield parish Jan. 13, 1558, and George Dameron July 27, 1559.

"The glimpses of an old church loving, land owning English family seem to show the life of this family merely extended into a new English setting when Lawrence Dameron moved to Virginia. There is in the history of the Virginia family a sense of continuation of habits and traditions, rather than a violent breaking off of accustomed ways. It was moving to an overseas parish, instead of to a new parish in Suffolk, and Northumberland on the 'Great Bay,' facing the wide expanse of Eastern waters, was not so different in situation from the Suffolk country, with its long North Sea coastline.

The Media Research Bureau of Washington, D.C., defunct in 1953, also had a mimeographed report which is similar to the above. It states that there are "various spellings of Dameron, Damron, Dameron and others, of which the last two are those most commonly used in America at the present time." We also find it spelled Damerell, Damarell and Damrell, which refers to the same family. For example, we find Lawrence Damarell, referring to the immigrant Lawrence Dameron, and the Lazarus Dameron family of Albemarle frequently spelled it Damarell. The spelling "Damron" apparently began as an error in spelling. For example, on Revolutionary records we find on the same page both John Damron and John Dameron.

Media also states: "It appears that they and their descendants were largely of landed gentry and yeomanry of Great Britain. The family seat was established as early as 1440 at Henley in Coddenham, Suffolk;.... it is not until about 1520 that the Parish Register includes the name.

From the above information, we can work out the following genealogy:

I. JOHN DAMERON of Westerfield Manor, married Joan Myntor. "It is recorded that as early as 1520, one John Dameron was in possession of the estate. He married Joan Mynter and had by her, John, his heir; George, William, who was churchwarden and died in 1558; and Lawrence, who also died in that year," according to Media. Children were:

1. John, son and heir.
2. George
3. William, who was churchwarden ,d.1558.
4. Lawrence, who died 1558.

II. JOHN DAMERON, heir to John, m. Joan Goodwin, of Kosgrove, by whom there was no issue. His second wife, Margaret, daughter of Thomas Felton of Playford, bore him eight children:

1. Katherine, b. May 6, 1539.
2. John, born in 1541, Mch. 21.
3. Thomas, died in infancy. Buried May 5, 1545.
4. Elizabeth, b. Mch. 30, 1544.
5. Thomas b. Dec. 18, 1547.
6. Joan, b. Apr. 25, 1557.
7. Sible, b. June 27, 1558.
8. Thomas b. 1561, Apr. 30.

III. JOHN DAMERON, eldest son b. 1541, m. Margaret and had dau. Joan."His widow, Margaret, married in 1577, John Collett, to whom the Henley estate was deeded.

Media gives a bibliography on Dameron as follows:

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Hardesty. Historical and Genealogical Encyclopedia, 1884.
Munsell, American Ancestry, 1887-1899.
Tyler. Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine, 1926-1927.
Greer. Early Virginia Immigrants, 1912.
Soldiers from New York in the American Revolution, 1932.
Encyclopedia Americana, 1932.
Poitstap, Armorial General, 1887.

Practically no other material is to befound in print on the Dameron-Damron family, and for this reason this genealogy has been undertaken. Some corrections will be made in the Keach material as we go along, but it is quoted as printed.

CAPTAIN JOHN DAMERON, ENGLISH MARINER

Capt. John Dameron came to Virginia as captain of the ship "Deuty,"1619. It brought something like 200 boys taken from the streets of London to be servants in Virginia. This was a responsible post for the Virginia Company to fill and Capt. Dameron must have been a man of good judgment to be selected. He is also said to have been connected with the ships of Sir Ferdinando Gorges. I found an item in the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, V. 7, p. 140, that Capt. John Martin had made accusation answered by Sir George Yeardley saying Stallings had died and the provisions of the ship were owned by Sir Ferdinando Gorges. He "gave warrant unto Capt. George Bargrave and one John Dameron to take the said Stallinge's men and boatt and to go down to Kicoughtan." For this Gorges was duly grateful apparently. There was a "Damarell's Cove" in Canada in the early records which may have been named for Capt. John Dameron, as this is one variation of the name--Gorges at that time considered that he owned Canada and Maine and parts of New England as he had a patent for it. In the Journals of the House of Burgesses of Va. p. 76, 1625, the minutes referred to "Damerel's Cove", Canada where Mr. Newell and Mr. Sandys had tobacco damaged.

This Captain John Dameron is the most interesting of all the Damerons and it would be easy to have the records of the Virginia Company searched in England to find out more about him. However, it is probable that he was not the master of the vessel "Duty", or "Deuty" as it was spelled, in 1619, as this shipmade other voyages to Virginia. In 1640 the "Duty" brought the Bridwell prison convicts to Virginia, sent by the Virginia Company, and it was to this voyage that the reference was given in Am. Pub. V, II, pp. 136-8, in which it was stated that John Dameron was master. Also in the Virginia Historical Magazine, Am. Pub. V. 7, p. 140, it is noted that John Dameron in Charles City County, Virginia, 1619, was called to take a ship in bad repair. The 1640 convicts were the first to be shipped to Virginia, it is noted. Also I looked up the reference to the "Deuty boys," as they were afterward called, in 1619, and found that only fifty came in the first voyage, and in 1620 another hundred or more youngboys were shipped to Virginia, so they did not all come in 1619. They were "bound out" for seven years until of age, then free and given 20 acres of land.

Although the histories do not mention much about Capt. John Dameron, he was obviously one of the famous sea captains of his day and one of the founders of Virginia - otherwise the Virginia Company would nothave entrusted him with such difficult enterprises. The cove in Canada must have been named forhim. There is also a reference where Jeffry Cornish went aboard the "Swan" at "Dambrell's Cove," in Canada and observed the damage to the tobacco of Mr. Newell (or Nevell) and Mr. Sandys, p. 82, Journals of the House of Burgesses of Virginia. Mr. Sandys owned"200 wt. tob. for Southampton hundred."

The records of the Damerons of Westerfield Manor, Suffolk, England, show John Dameron b. about 1618, Rushmore, Suffolk, son of John Dameron who m. 1 June, 1640, Bridget Maw; wife Joan Lumis b. about 1620, Kesgrove, Suffolk, England. Children: John b. 1642, Rushmore, Suffolk, England. Tyler's V. 4, p. 55, also has a reference to the will of Bartholomew de Beeches, proved Ipswich, W.B. 1554-7, parish register of Little Beales--Thomas Dameron was buried in Westerfield parish Jan. 13, 1558, and George Dameron July 27, 1559.

As Elizabeth Gosnel (Gosnold) married a Dameron, there may be some connection with the famous Bartholomew. Stanard's The Story of Virginia's First Century says: "In 1602 Bartholomew Gosnold, one of Raleigh's captains who was to take a prominent part in the settlement of Jamestown, with thirty-one others (including Gabriel Archer, a Jamestown Councillor to be) went on a voyage sponsored by Henry, Earl of Southampton, Lord Cobham and others of Raleigh's friends, to the 'northernmost parts of Virginia. They spent four months on the coast of the present New England . . . In 1603 Queen Elizabeth died and was succeeded by James I--and Sir Walter's star set. Early in the new reign he was suspected of being involved in conspiracies. . . sent to the Tower and kept there thirteen years until March, 1616." Then in 1609 "Scrivener, whom Smith had left in charge at Jameston, had gone in a skiff to Hog Island, taking with him Captain Waldo, Anthony Gosnold and eight others," all of whom"died in a storm," p. 73. Bartholomew Gosnold died 1607. After his trip of 1602 he "actively promoted the colonization of the regions he had visited and, by arousing the interest of Sir Ferdinando Gorges and other influential persons, contributed toward securing the grants of the Charters to the London and Plymouth companies in 1606. In 1606-7 he was associated with Christopher Newport in command of the three vessels by which the first Jamestown colonists were cattied to Virginia. As a member of the council he took an active share in the affairs of the colony... He died fxm swamp fever on Aug. 22, 1607" in Virginia. Gorges lived 1566 to 1647, b. Somersetshire,and was keeper of the Plymouth fort 1596-1629 in England.

The William and Mary Quarterly (1), 11, p. 138, has the following reference found by Julia Dameron Old, which may be quoted exactly for this record:

"... The earliest connection of Dameron with Virginia was when Capt. John Dameron, master of the ship Duty, brought over the Bridewell prison inmates, sent by the Virginia Company of London, and it seems that about this time the Damerons themselves got a footing in the Virginia Colony since 'Bridget Dameron' was in the 'list of dead' at Elizabeth City, in Feb. 1622-23, but what connection she was with Bar. Dameron* who was church warden in Wicomico Parish Apr. 1683, I don't know, for he was most likely a descendant of that Lawrence Dameron who was a patentee 12 May, 1652, for 340 A. on Wicomico River, Northumberland Co."

She also found an interesting reference to the Damerons in England in the William and Mary Quarterly (1) 11, p. 137, preceding the above: " . . . In the parish register of St. Matthews Church, Ipswich, Suffolk, is the entry of the marriage 17 Nov. 1605, of Thomas Ball and Anne Dameron, widow. Now, in Northumberland County, Va., the respectable family of Dameron has always been in some way connected with that of Ball. In Suffolk County, England, ever since the 14th century the Damerons have been land-owning and will-making residents, their chief seat being Westerfield Manor, and the registers of the parishes of Westerfield, St. Nicholas in Ipswich, Coddenham, Henley and Rushmere attest that they were 'church people', as they also were in Wicomico Parish, Northumberland Co., Va., where Mr. George Dameron was a vestryman in 1770, along with Mr. Charles Coppege and Captains David and George Ball." From "Ball, Coppege and Dameron of Northumberland County, Va. by Charles H. Browning, Ardmore P.O., Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

The same reference 11 (1), 138, notes Bridget Dameron, with same information.

In looking over the records of Devonshire,England, Visitation of Devonshire, 1620, Harlein mss. I found nothing on the Damerons, but in Parish Register Abstracts, including the Lost Parish Registers of Devon 1596-1644, Granville, V. 1, I found p. 175, Elizabeth Damrel m. Thos. Skinner, 1635, Ashcombe, Devon.

In the book Roger Conant, by Clifford K. Shipton, Harvard Press, 1945, he several times refers to "Damarins Cove." Page 21 indiates it was named this before 1621 or 1622. Conant came in 1622, winter, and the book says that Thomas Weston "had the year before sent out to New England a group of fifty or sixty men led by his brother Andrew, who had settled at Wessagusset. At the same time a small trading vessel belonging to him landed seven passengers at Damarins Cover, whence they made their way to Plymouth." This refers to 1621. "More than forty other vessels went out to New England in the year 1623. The Conants may have gone in one of these, or in the Jonathan of Plymouth with Thomson, but the most likely guess is that they went in Weston's last vessel, which probably made Damarins Cove in March, 1623." The book also says, "That same summer, Captain Robert Gorges, the son of Sir Ferdinando, arrived as Governor General of New England, bring Admiral Francis West," but his men wandered off and his colony failed. It was Devonshire people at Roanoke, and also F.C. Pierce says that Christopher Foster, our ancestor, went with Roger and his brother of East Budleigh, Devonshire, the home of Sir Walter Raleigh before he was beheaded Oct. 23, 1618. Roger Conant settled at Cape Anne, Mass., which Gosnold had visited in 1602 sailing from Devon. The Dorchester, Devon, company "planted fourteen men at Cape Ann, and the following year they sent out thirty-two more." Page 49, referring to 1622-23 winter. I have not found any record of Christopher Foster at Cape Anne, however, until he came in 1635 on the "Abigail."

II. THE EARLY DAMERONS IN AMERICA

The first Dameron we find of record in this country is Capt. John Dameron. However, Bridgett Dameron is listed among the "Dead at Elizabeth Cittie," Virginia, Feb. 16, 1623, along with such names as Samwell Harvie, Henry Payton, Isarell Knowles. She might have been the wife of Capt. John Dameron. Elizabeth City was in the present region of Norfolk city. This reference is taken from Hotten's Original Lists of Emigrants, 1600-1700. Hotten lists only one other Dameron "Thomas Damarell," p. 501, in the Barbadoes, St. James Parish, 20 Dec. 1679. He has one negro and three acres of land. Mariam Damron Cropper also found a "John Damerall" listed in Early Settlers to Maryland, 1635-1680, under date of 1673.

We shall quote again from Mrs. O.A. Keach in Tyler's, p. 117:

"Mr. Lawrence Dameron, with his sons, Bartholomew, George, and Thomas, settled in Northumberland County, Va., some time before 1652. There is little doubt that he belonged to the old Suffolk family of Damerons, but it will be left to a later chronicler to determine his line of ancestry and establish unquestionably the relationships. However, the first of the name associated with the American adventure was Captain John Dameron, who was commissioned Captain of the 'Deuty' December 23, 1619, in the service of the Va. Company in London. He was also probably the same John Dameron, who accompanied Sir Ferdinand Gorges in his voyages to the new world.

"Mr. Lawrence Dameron's name first appears in the county records May 12, 1652, in a patent for 342 acres located on Wicomico River, being for the transportation of seven servants into the colony. It would seem that Mr. Dameron made his first trip to Virginia some time before 1652, selected a site for his home and doubtless arranged for building his dwelling house.

"A second and later patent recites, 'These are to certifie that Mr. Lawrence Dameron made his right appear to 450 acres of land for the transportation of nine persons into this country, viz.; himself, his wife, James Sibble, Jeane Jones, William Rule, Joseph Johnson, Katherine Shaw, Richard Stenner, Edward Stanford. On August 20, 1655, Captain Peter Knight assigned unto Mr. Lawrence Dameron a patent for five hundred acres of land, on the south side of Great Wicomico River," part land and part marsh being a neck bounded easterly on the great Bay and Westerly on the Creeke, Yt gets the name from the Indian Towne of Cutta-tonmen.' One of the boundaries of this 'divident' of land was the Dividing Creek. The marsh land described in this deed of 1655 is still known as Dameron's Marsh.

"Mr. Dameron also bought a divident of land from Mr. Thomas Broughton in Mattapony in upper NORTHUMBERLAND county. By other purchases he finally owned about 2,000 acres of land, for the most part in Wicomico parish.

"On that stretch of Virginia shore overlooking the Chesapeake Bay even then a great highway of water travel, Mr. Lawrence Dameron ended his 'adventure' in the phraseology of the old records, by settling there with his wife, Dorothy, and their children.

"If there is a more beautiful place any where in the world no royal geographer has ever reported it. There were 'faire fields set with divers flowers,' and around the clearings the 'goodly tall trees' of cedar, pine, oak, elm, and chestnut, and chink-a-pin bushes growing luxuriantly in every forest glade.

2. "One long tongue of marshy land called afterwards Dameron's Marsh, covered for the most part with reeds and marsh grasses, was a covert for wild game and a resting place for waterfowl, and the tidewater rivers and creeks were full of fish and oysters.

"The first home was no doubt built of cedar slabs and was commodious and comfortable. In his will Lawrence Dameron speaks of the 'Great Roome.' At an early day a large brick manor house was built nearly on the first site and was knwon as the 'Brick Walls.'

"Wicomico parish church was organized in 1655 with its church wardens and vestry. This was the social center of the community and much of the civil administration was in the hands of the church wardens who ruled firmly and for the most part wisely. Within visiting radius of the Dameron plantation which lay partly along the Dividing Creek were the early families that later gave America some of the greatest men. Anyway the Damerons prospered and had time to cultivate friendships as well as the soil. On May 17, 1656, Lawrence Dameron appointed his 'trusty and well beloved friend, Henry Hurst,' his attorney, to collect some debts for him. One of the witnesses to this power of attorney was James Sibble, one of his headrights.

"Lawrence Dameron probably died later in the year 1657: 'I bequeathe my soule to God my Creator, and my body to the earth,' his will declares, and the first Dameron of Virginia was laid to rest within sight of the 'manor house,' and within sound of the waters whose tides reached unbroken from his own shore acres to the coast lines of county Suffolk where so many Damerons had given their bodies to the earth.

"The Dameron burying ground is still preserved and has many inhabitants. It has long been neglected, but not obliterated.

"A court record shows that 'Mr. Peter Knight as attorney for Lawrence Dameron, at a county court held at James City, the 9th March, 1658, confessed judgment unto Capt. Edward Gunnell for the present payment of 4,100 pds. of tobacco'--this judgment was assigned to Mr. Thomas Ffereton. 'It is therefore ordered that Dorothy, the relict and executrix of the sd Lawrence Dameron dec'd shall make payment--unless she, the sd Dorothy Dameron, at the next court doo then show good reason to the contrary.

"Lawrence Dameron's will was proved Dec. 17, 1660. Through some mistake of thecourt its date is given as May 1, 1660. This will was discovered quite recently in a very old and badly damaged court record book at Heathsville, Va., with parts of the leaves crumbled into small bits. Enough of the will remains however, to be of much genealogical value and of considerable interest in that it gives a glimpse of the manner of living of an early settler and what had been accomplished in the brief space of time he had lived--with a mention of some of the treasured possessions from the older home. . . .

"This mutilated will shows the names of sons Bartholomew, George and Thomas. Other records prove that there was a son Lawrence, and a daughter Dorothy. Mr. Lawrence Dameron's death left his widow in a position of great responsibility. She must have been a woman of strong and resolute character and her name deserves place among the able and courageous pioneers of colonial Virginia. She held together and developed her increasingly valuable estate and wrote her own biography in the Christian characters and useful citizenship of her children and their numerous descendants now scattered over the American Commonwealth. Mrs. Dorothy Dameron probably died in 1691 as Lawrence Dameron's will provided that land bequeathed to their sons, Bartholomew and George, should be delivered to them at the death of their mother, and on March 16, 1692, Bartholomew and George petitioned the court that the land left them by their father be laid out and

divided according to his will. Thus, it may be assumed that Mrs. Dameron's death had occurred recently prior to this friendly suit for fixing the boundaries of their lands. The issue of Lawrence and Dorothy Dameron were:

" Bartholomew, b. about 1645 m. Elizabeth 1666. Deposition dated Mch. 15, 1725, gives her age as 75.

"George b. 164_, m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis, 1679 or 1680.

"Thomas b. 165_, m. Sarah Bledsoe, dau. of Mr. George Bledsoe.

"Lawrence b. about 1653 m. Jane _____.

"Dorothy b. 1656. Deposition made July 29th, 1726, gave her age as 70. m. 1st Josias Gaskins, 2nd Samuel Mahan.

"The direct male descendants of George Dameron remained in possession of the original land bequeathed to him by his father, Lawrence, until the death of Mr. Robert J. Dameron in 1849.

"A court record shows that the 'Manor House' of George Dameron was used by Gov. Berkeley at some time during his exile at the time of Bacon's Rebellion.

"Thomas Dameron, a grandson of Lawrence, the immigrant erected early in 1700 a beautiful brick residence near the original home site which is yet known in Northumberland County as the 'Brick Walls.'"

We may add a few items from the Media Research Bureau's "The Name and Family of Dam(e)ron:"

"The fairly numerous progeny of these and perhaps a few other lines of the family have carried the name to distant sections of the United States. Characteristically a modest, reserved, even-tempered, dependable and self-reliant race, often of a thoughtful turn of mind and firm purpose, the Dam(e)rons in America have won especial success in the fields of law, letters, agriculture, business and military affairs.

"Among those of the name who served in the Revolutionary War were Colonel Thomas Dameron, Captain John Dameron, Abraham Dameron, Jacob Dameron, Joseph Dameron, Joshua Dameron, and Thomas Dameron, all of Virginia; and George and Joseph Dameron of North Carolina.

"Edmund, Richard, John, George and Thomas are some of the Christian names which have been favored by past generations of the family for theif male progeny.

"The following are some of the many members of the family who have distinguished themselves in America in comparatively recent times:

"Thomas Dameron (18th century) of Virginia, merchant
William Moore Dameron, b. 1799, of Missouri, soldier and merchant
Lawrence C. Dameron b. 1877, of Kentucky and New York, fire insurance adjuster
James Dameron b. 1876, of West Virginia, lawyer, jurist, and U.S. attorney
James Palatine Dameron b. 1828, of California, writer and lawyer
Kenneth Dameron, b. 1900 of New York, authority on merchandising and writer
Louise Dameron, b. 1900, of New York, writer.

"One of the best-known and most ancient of the coats-of-arms of the ancient English family of Damron or Dameron, from which the bearers of the name in America trace their descent, is that described in heraldic terms as follows: 'Arms, a chevron sable accompanied by three torteaux gules.' (Reitstap, Armorial General, 1887.)

III.
THE DAMERONS OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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I. LAWRENCE AND DOROTHY DAMERON OF WICOMICO PARISH

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON. His name first appears in Virginia May 12, 1652, when he received a patent of 340 acres on Wicomico River, Northumberland County, Virginia, and transported seven servants to Virginia. On Oct. 8, 1655, this patent was renewed for 342 acres. It was also renewed 18 March, 1662. These items are found in the Land Patents of Virginia and in Nugent's Cavaliers and Pioneers, 1931. Page 258 says: "Lawrence Dameron, 340 acres, Northumberland Co. p. 92, no date. Butting S.E. upon head of tanx Yeococomico Riv. Trans. 7 servants, John Meekes, Thomas Clarke, Edward Maddox, 3 tymes, Elizabeth Coringe, Carth. Wethersby, Dan. Piggin." The above was in the list of 1652, the item before it being dated 6 May, 1652, John Sheepherd 1,000 ac. Northumberland. Next below was May 5, 1652, grant to John Gresham, Northumberland, 520 acres. The second item is p. 332 of Nugent, 36 (57) of the patent book, Renewal of patent dated 12 May, 1652. This above land was in the upper part of Northumberland County, but his home was at Guarding Point at the lower end of Chesapeake Bay, next to the river. Guarding Point is a long neck of land on the shore which "served as the lookout post for lower Northumberland from thetime of Bacon's Rebellion," Mrs. Keach says. The Guarding Point estate was acquired from "Mr. Peter Knight 500 acs. Northumberland County, 30 Mar. 1657, p. 83 (122). On S. side of Great Wiccomico Riv. N.N.E. upon another seate belonging to him formerly Mr. Flints & S.E. upon a lyne dividing this from Gervase Dodson. Trans. 10 pers. (Northumberland County Book, 1652-58, Aug. 20, 1655.) Mr. Knight his assignment unto Lawrence Dameron 500 acs. land and Marsh." Mrs. Keach refers to this thus: "Captain Peter Knight assigned unto Mr. Lawrence Dameron a patent for five hundred acres of land, on the south side of Great Wicomico River,' part land and part marsh being a neck bounded easterly on the great Bay and Westerly on the Creeke, Yt gets the name from the Indian Towne of Cutta-tonmen.' One of the boundaries of this 'divident' of land was the Dividing Creek." This place is still known as Dameron's Marsh and Dividing Creek was where Richard Lee lived, ancestor of General Robert E. Lee.

Again "Lawrence Dameron claims 450 acs. for importation of 9 pers. including himself and wife 21 Feb. 1658/9." This is in Northumberland County Book 2, p. 102. Mrs. Keach also says: "Mr. Dameron also bought a divident of land from Mr. Thomas Broughton in Mattapony in upper Northumberland county. By other purchases, he finally owned about 2,000 acres of land, for the most part in Wicomico parish." The Media Research account in "The Name and Family of Dam(e)ron," says, "In 1655 he organized Wicomico parish, providing it with churches, warden and vestry."

His wife's name was Dorothy and he appointed her sole executrix of his will, dated May 1, 1660, proved December 17, 1660, in Northumberland County. Their children were Bartholomew, eldest son, George, Lawrence and Dorothy, and Thomas who married Sarah Bledsoe, daughter of George Bledsoe.

Mrs. Keach says "The direct male descendants of George Dameron remained in possession of the original land bequeathed to him by his father, Lawrence, until the death of Mr. Robert J. Dameron in 1849." The old house was torn down at that time. This manorhouse was built 1735 at Guarding Point and acquired by John H. Harding in 1849, whose descendant, Ernest Harding, still lives on the estate but in a newer house built by the Hardings a century ago. The place is now called Ball's Neck as a general term for the region.

a. LAST WILL OF LAWRENCE DAMERON, 1660

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN--I LAWRENCE DAMERON being weake in body yett thanks be to God in perfect memory doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme following:

"I bequeath my soule to God, my creator and my body to the earth. I bequeath unto my sonne Bartholomew Dameron one halfe of five hundred acres of land situated in Great Wicocomoco which I bought of Mr. Peter Knight, the said land to be enjoyed peaceably by said Bartholomew and his heirs for ever, and to be delivered to him at the death of his mother with one cedar Bedstead, one long table with forme and benches to it, and one Couch, all which stands in the Great Roome.

"I give unto my son George Dameron, the other half of 500 acres of land above described to him and his heirs for ever with one Cedar Bedstead, one small table and one Couch which all stands in the Chamber to be divided at the death of his mother and then the land and the houses to be equally divided between Bartholomew and George Dameron . . . and George Dameron.

"I give unto ea . . . . . three sonnes Bartholomew Dameron and Thomas
. . . . . men servants that have fower . . . . .
. . . . . to serve five barrels of corne . . .
.. . . one good feather bed with . . . . . .
fixed guns, one good chests . . . . great one
and one little fower . . . . .
three silver spoons, these to be . . . . .
they come to the . . . . .

"I give and bequeath . . . . .
one able man servant . . . . .
serve, six cows . . . . .
to it one inland . . . . .
(1) iron pot fower . . . . .
spoons to be deliv . . . . .

"I give and bequeath . . . . .
of the further ov . . . . .
halfe of it and . . . . .
that and the head of . . . . .
for them and theirs . . . . .
they come to the . . . .

"My will is that if . . . . .
come to the age of . . . . .
then the legacy . . . . .
be equally divided amongst the survivers . . . . . land belonging to the male.

"I doe give unto my wife Dorothy Dameron my debts and Legacies beingpaid and my children being maintained untill they come to age of 17 years the whole remainder of my estate hereby making her my full and whole and sole executrix. Hereby entreating and ordering Mr. Thomas Hopkins and Abraham Byran to be the overseers of this my last will and testament and to see it performed, unto each of which said persons I doe give twenty shillings sterling.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and this I acknowledge to be my last will and testament as witness my hand this first day of May 1660.

LAWRENCE DAMERON (Seale)

Witness,

Henry Mayes, Thomas Gaskins.

"December 17th, 1660, this will was proved in the county court of Northumberland to be the last will and testament of Lawrence Dameron by the oaths of Thomas Gaskins and Henry Mayes, execution thereof committed to Dorothy Dameron being appointed executrix in the Will and the said will is recorded."

(Note: This above will was found in an old book in Heathsville, Virginia, with the brittle pages crumbled away. It is copied down to show where the lines were obliterated. Whenever old records are quoted, I have tried to copy down the exact language and punctuation, though sometimes they have had to be taken from other copies and not from the originals.)

We may quote other old records concerning Lawrence Dameron:

"Laurence Damorell, p. 60. 20 Aug. 1655. The court orders that Laurence Damorell shall by the next court deliver up to Mr. Peter Knight his bond concerning the acknowledgment of a patent of land which x x Mr. Knight hath acknowledged in court." (Northumbria Collecteana, 1645-1720, by Fleet.)

The same reference shows: "Lawrence Dameron. Grant from Sir Wm. Berkeley, Knt. etc. 18 March 1662/3, 342 a. in Northumberland County, adjoining head of Yeocomoco River. This land formerly granted to sd Lawrence 10 Oct. 1655. Now renewed, re-recorded 20 June, 1711.(Does not show who did. 17, 112.)"

The same reference shows "Laurence, Dec'd, father of Geo. Grandfather of Thomas Jr. 19 Feb. 1705/6, 17.55."

In N. M. Nugent's book Cavaliers and Pioneers, 1931, we find, p. 234: "William Bac on 300 ac. Northumberland Co. p. 12, 1653, bounding NE upon Broad Creek betwixt Yeocomico and Mattapony rivers, NWly upon land of Anthony Linton, and SEly upon land of Lawrence Dameron. "

Page 325, Nugent: "Thomas Hale of Mettopony, Planter, 79 Acs. Northumberland Co. 24 Oct. 1655, p. 12 (17), beg. by a branch of the Great Swamp which rung into Broad Creek S.W. by Lawrence Dameron."

Page 372, Nugent: "Capt. John English, 1,000 acs. Northumberland Co., 25 Sept. 1657, p. 196 (286) NEly upon the head of Broad Creek, between Yeocomoco and Mattaponny Rivers, HWly upon land of Anthony Linton, SELy upon land of Lawrence Damron and Shepard and SW upon a branch which is included in Mr. Sackford Brewster's land and 300 acs. granted to Mr. W. M. Bacon, 9 Oct. 1653, assigned to Mr. Gervase Dodson, who assigned it to said English." Page 332 notes that "Dame Elizabeth Lunsford 1656 got 500 acs. at Brandon, Rappahannock." She was a famous character in her day.

Page 342: "Mr. Richard Rice 400 ac. Northumberland, 1656, on SW side of Mattapony River, NEly upon land of Robert Bradshaw and John Bradshaw, NWly on land of Laurence Dameron and a branch of Broad Creek, and Sly above the head of land of Mr. Thomas Broughton.

Nugent, p. 364: "Thomas Broughton 288 acs. Northumberland, 23 Mar. 1657, p. 165 (245) NE towards land of John Mattrom, Gent." New item: 300 acs. in same county 1 Dec. 1657, p. 166 (246) upon the head of the Broad Creek between Yeococomoco and Metopony Rivers, NWly upon land of Lawrence Linton and SEly upon land of Laurence Dameron. Granted unto Wm. Bacon deserted and now due."

Page 449: "James Clayton and James Johnson 668 acs. Northumberland, 21 Feb. 1664, p. 169 (51) beg. nigh the Maine branch of the Broad Creek Swamp and being a head line of Laurence Dameron's land.

Page 495: "James Claughton (Clayton) 345 acs. Northumberland 18 Mar. 1662, p. 312 (293) NE on Mattapony Riv. Nly upon Tanx Mattapony Riv. NW upon land of Law. Dameron, SE upon land of Robt. Bradshaw (or Bradshall), Granted to Robt. Bradshaw, 29 Nov. 1657, and sold to Edw. Williams who sold to sd Clayton."

Page 220:"Robert Bradshaw, 400 acs. Northumberland, 1651, p. 220, abutting NE upon Mattapony River and SE upon land of Nicholas Bennett."

Nugent's book consists of abstracts of patents from the land patents of Virginia granted by the royal authority. The Hornbook of Virginia History, p. 97, explains the headright system: "The head right system of land distribution was the essence of democracy. From 1610 to 1660, when small farms were profitable and wages for labor four and five times those paid in England, it made the Colony a veritable land of opportunity for the poor and middle classes across the ocean. By this system each settler, be he nobleman or churl, was entitled to 50 acres; so too were apprentices upon the completion of their apprenticeships. Practically all labor was supplied by white indentured servants until the century's last decade. In 1699 'treasury rights,' which meant the sale of unlimited land by the Colony to those who could pay the treasury five shillings for each 50 acres, were issued, and as a result, before 1715 the head right system had ceased to be an important factor in building Virginia civilization. As plantations grew in number and great landed estates appeared, the position of the small farmer and the white servant steadily deteriorated. The population was almost entirely English." Any man received fifty acres for each new colonist he "transported" to Virginia, including for himself and wife, and also, curiously enough, for every trip he made or if he brought the same man two or three times. "Transported" merely means he was the head right of the man who arranged for him to come over and does not imply that he was a servant or a prison escapee. However, I believe the person who collected the head right usually paid his way in the ship, but on the other hand everyone who came arranged to be somebody's head right in order to collect the 50 acres of land. It is to be noted that until about 1700 the New Year began March 25th.

On May 17, 1656, Lawrence Dameron was appointed as trustee to collect some debts his friend Henry Hurst had. James Sibble was one of the witnesses.

Meade in his Old Churches, Ministers and Families of Virginia, 1878, says there was very little Cavalier influence in Virginia, and those of high ranking families who came were usually younger sons, p. 189. The Northern Neck was the area where these Cavalier fam;ilies settled for the most part, some being refugees f rom Cromwell and the Restoration after 1650. As Lawrence Dameron came at this time he probably was of the Cavalier tradition and the Damerons are considered among the F.F.V. The Guarding Point manor house bu ilt by Thomas was used by Governor Berkeley during his exile at the time of Bacon's Rebellion, which perhaps means that its owner, George Dameron, was sympathetic with him. It was said to have been the finest house in the county, with windows wide enough to put a whole bed through.

The children of Lawrence and Dorothy Dameron were:

1. BARTHOLOMEW, eldest son, b. about 1645 according to Mrs. Keach, m. "Elizabeth 1666. Deposition dated Mch. 15, 1725, gives her age as 75. He was the ancestor of a long line, which I have traced as well as possible without more intensive research.

2. GEORGE, who m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis, about 1679 or 1680.

3. THOMAS, married Sarah Bledsoe, daughter of George Bledsoe. He is referred to in the old records as Thomas Sr. while Thomas Jr. is the son of George, d. 1750.

4. LAWRENCE, "born about 1653, the youngest son of Lawrence, Sr." who is sometimes confused with Lawrence, son of Bartholomew. In Fleet's Northumbria Collecteana, 1645-1720, he notes in the Northumberland Court Orders 20 Nov., 1669, lo. 145: "Lawrence, Dorothy, relect of Lawrence Dameron dec'd and Bartholomew Dameron, his eldest son and Elizabeth his wife, give for love and affection 'unto our loving brother Lawrence Dameron' all interest in 324 acres in Yeocomico Parish." This was recorded 1711 under the grant of 1662. Yeocomico Parish is in Westmoreland County adjoining Northumberland. This is apparently the land adjoining John Claughton, acquired by James Claughton on or near Mattapony River, and next to Robert Bradshaw. In 1707-8 Lawrence Dameron, Jr. has land adjoining John Claughton in Mattapony Neck, St. Stephen's Parish.

5. DOROTHY b. 1656: "Deposition made July 29th, 1726, gave her age as 70, m. 1st Josias Gaskins, 2nd Samuel Mahan." The Northumberland County Court Orders have the following items: "15 Sept. 1703, motion of Samuel Mahons and Dorothy his wife, Relict of Joseph Gaskins, a com. of adm." On June 22, 1705, "Samuel Mahan and Dorothy his wife late Dorothy Gaskins adm. of Josias Gaskins, sued by Nicholas Seabourne."

Fleet has also a reference to Thomas Gaskins, Great Wicomico, land adjoining Dameron, Harris, Bledsoe, Nicholas (Nickless). "Pepys says Gascoygne had high court standing under James I," according to Fleet, who says the name is properly spelled thus. Northumberland County Court Orders, 1678-1713, L.O. Duvall, p. 91, "Probate of Last Will of Isaac Gaskins to Elizabeth Gaskins, exr. proved by George Dameron and Charles Ingram, Feb. 17, 1709-10.

Dorothy Dameron Gaskins had a daughter Dorothy Gaskins and a son Josias:

1. Josias Gaskins, Jr. "18 May, 1704. Petition of Josias Gaskins and Dorothy Gaskins, sone and daughter of Mr. Josias Gaskins, for equal portion of their father's estate." (Northumberland County Orders.)

2. Dorothy Gaskins, who m. Onecephrous Harvey, a Quaker. "The Grand Jury having presented Dorothy Gaskins for having a bastard child and Onecephrous Harvey coming into court affirmed that the said Dorothy is and for some time before the child was born (for which she was presented) was his wife, and that they were married according to the rule of the Quakers whose religion they profess, and having here in Court proved such their marriage, the said Presentment is therefore dismissed the said Harvie paying costs. 18 Nov. 1713, 6.5." Harvey was presented for not going to church in Wicomico Parish, 18 Nov. 1714, and again in 1717. (6.9) In 1714 also Andrew Dameron 19 May, and Charles Dameron, were "presented for not going to church." They may also have been Quakers. (See p. 55, Northumbria Collecteana, by Fleet, for items on the Gaskins.

6. SAMUEL, probably the third son of Lawrence Dameron[1], as he was a contemporary of his sons George and Bartholomew. Samuel was discovered by Louise H. Dameron in the Calendar of Virginia State Papers I, p. 14, "On April 14,1683, a petition was presented from Peter Knight, John Waddy, John Taylor and Christopher Garlington, Vestrymen, and Samuel, George and Bartholomew Dameron, Church Wardens, to Lord Culpeper requesting him to re-instate Mr. Charles Dacres, the rector of Yecomico Church." Yecomico Church must here be a spelling for Wicomico Church in Wicomico Parish, rather than Yeocomico Church in Westmoreland County, but one can never be quite sure. In 1663 Westmoreland was formed from Northumberland which would be earlier. Samuel appears to be too old to be the son of any of the first generation in America as he would have to be 21 years of age to be a church warden, so far as I know, though it is conceivable he might be a son of Thomas.

As noted in the section on Onesipherous Dameron, his mother must have been connected with Onesephorus Harvey, as in the latter's will, 1732, he says, "Item, I give to Onesephorous Dameron Junr. one cow and calf." This was in Lancaster County, Virginia, adjoining Northumberland.

Onesipherous Dameron must be the son of Samuel, as he remained in Wicomico Parish, whereas the other possibility, Lawrence, Jr., had land in the upper part of Northumberland in St. Stephens' Parish. I had thought this land was in Westmoreland County, but according to Lucy Brown Beale it was in what is now St. Stephens' Parish, Northumberland. It seems possible to me that the land might have overlapped as there was usually a question of borders between new counties and it would be hard to trace an exact boundary line there. In any case, I found in Westmoreland the will of Samuel Damourvell, 1723, spelled thus by Fothergill and Damavarell by Crozier, showing theoriginal was hard to read. In reading early script, the "v" and "r" are often almost identical and hard to tell apart. Lawrence Dameron was spelled "Damourell," at times in the Northumberland court records. This will said "To son Samuel 6 negroes and 200 acres of land in Stafford Co., dau. Magdalene Rust 100 acres of land in Stafford; dau. Elizabeth Harrison, 140 acres of land in Stafford, wife Hannah, 2 negroes, 2 horses, 2 beds and furniture." This might be a Samuel Dameron, Jr. or Sr.

We find no mention of either Lawrence Jr. nor Samuel in the will of Lawrence Dameron[1], which was so mutilated as not to be sure how many children he had. We know he had a good deal of land in upper Northumberland but the will does not indicate who inherited any of it, though we know Bartholomew and George were given half each of the Peter Knight grant in Wicomico Parish, lower Northumberland.

It is possible we can trace something through the Harveys on this question, or further in Westmoreland records. As a later Onesiphorous Dameron went to Norfolk, Virginia, after the Revolution, and wedo not know any other line there, the James William Dameron there must be the descendant of Onesipherous, and the name James was used in this family. Oney S. married Alice Herbert 1812, and the will of James Dawley, bequeaths "to my daughter, Alice H. Dameron...to my grandsons, Isophorous Dameron, Robert B. Dameron, James D. Dameron and John F. Dameron," dated 1831, Norfolk City, Va.

On the question of the ancestry of William Dameron, the only authority we have points to his being the son of Bartholomew Jr. son of Bartholomew b. 1645 and Elizabeth Garlington. "Christopher[3] Dameron (Bartholomew[2], Lawrence[1]) presented the will of his brother, Bartholomew Dameron as his executor, on June 18, 1735, and was guardian of William (probably his nephew) in 1742." (Taken from a manuscript by Mrs. O.A. Keach on the Damerons of Northumberland County, Virginia, and the line of Thomas of Kentucky. See Appendices.)

Dorothy Gaskins had married Onecephorus Harvey, Quaker, before 18 Nov. 1713, as noted p. 55, Fleet's Northumberland County Records. In 1705 Onecephrus Harvey witnessed a deed from Mahane to Chilton. (Fleet's Northumbria Collectanea.) Torrence lists Harvey wills as: Onesephrus, 1732, Lancaster; Onesephrous, 1798, Northumberland; James 1726-7 inventory; John 1744, will, etc.

The name Gaskins was originally Gascoyne. We find an item indexed under Gaskins: "21 Jan. 1679-80, Jno. Taylor, Hen Mayse, Josias Gascoyne, Henry Gascoyne, in Behalf of orphans of Thos. Gascoyne, dec'd v. John Pinkard who marryed the relict of Thos. Gascoyne, and the five children to be delivered to Taylor, Mayse, Josias and Henry Gascoyne."

The present estate "Gascony" or "Gascoyne" was formerly the estate of Lawrence Dameron. Jennie Harding Cornelius wrote to me April 12, 1953: "I do think you have done a wonderful job of this Dameron line. I have not completed reading it. 'Gascoyne' is now owned by a Mr. and Mrs. Rudisill from Orange County. She was from this county, a descendant of Capt. Thomas Carter. I sent you the deed where Lazarus Dameron sold this property to Thomas Gaskins. The Gaskins family were French. The name was originally Gascoyne, pronounced Gas-coin, but the place is pronounced Gas-co-ne. The name was changed to Gaskins in a court order here, which is English. The oldest son inherited the manor plantation, which was later called Gascoyne after Thomas Gaskins bought it. Harding Blackwell lives on and owns a part of the place. GuardingPoint got its name from the Fort that was built on the marshes during the Revolution." She said Lawrence Dameron "owned all the land down there to the marshes, his son inherited Guarding Point." William A. Rudasill or Rudisill bought Gascony as a summer home several years ago. Guarding Point, where Ernest Harding of Rehoboth Church, Virginia, lives, is only about a mile from the Rudasill place at Gascony and you can see the house from across the creek.

From this and other information, apparently the original Dameron house was on what is now the "Gascony estate," and probably on the part now owned by Harding Blackwell, who told me his mother remembered seeing the site full of bricks and rubble and broken pottery. The Dameron cemetery, however, is on the present estate of Ernest Harding, who told me when I talked with him that there are no markers to the Dameron graves and that it is still used by the Harding family. The place is now referred to as "Garden Point" as well as "Guarding Point," and is in the Ball's Neck area near Wicomico Church, the address being Rehoboth Church, Virginia.

The original grant to Lawrence Dameron of May 12, 1652, is listed in Nugent "Lawrence Dameron, 340 acres, Northumberland County, p. 92, no date. Butting S.E. upon head of tax Yeococomico Riv. Trans. 7 servants, John Meekes, Thomas Clarke, Edward Maddox, 3 tymes, Elizabeth Cofinge, Carth. Wethersby, Dan Piggin." Then in 1669 Lawrence Jr. was given 324 acres in Yeocomico Parish, which would be in present Westmoreland County, Mrs. Cornelius says. The Historical Atlas of Westmoreland County, Virginia, by D.W. Eaton of Oak Grove, Virginia, 1942, did not show any grant to Lawrence Dameron, but we find references that it was "betwixt Yeocomico and Mattapony Rivers," near Anthony Linton, the Great Swamp, which runs into Broad Creek, and next to Thomas Broughton and John Mattrom etc. The boundary of Westmoreland County the Atlas says, p. 2, is from the mouth of Yeocomico River to the branch of Marshy Swamp to Muddy Run etc. Originally there were three parishes in Westmoreland but one was discontinued, the two being Appomattox (Washington) and Cople. The old Yeocomico Church is in Cople Parish and wardens were chosen 1655, so it is one of the oldest in Virginia. It is near Kinsale on the Yeocomico River. The Washingtons were of Westmoreland.

I have traced three lines of descent from Lawrence Dameron, those of George, Thomas and Bartholomew, but the youngest son, Lawrence, Jr. remains unknown at this writing. The Northumberland Court Orders show that in 1669, on Nov. 20, Dorothy, widow of Lawrence, and his eldest son, Bartholomew and wife Elizabeth, gave 'unto our loving brother Lawrence Dameron,' all interest in 324 acres in "Yeocomico Parish." This was recorded in 1711 under the grant of 1662. (Page 145, Fleet's Northumbria Collecteana.) This is evidently part of the original grant of Lawrence Dameron of 1652; listed by Nugent as "Lawrence Dameron, 340 acres, Northumberland Co. p. 92, no date. Butting S.E. upon head of tanx Yeococomico Riv. Trans. 7 servants, John Meekes, Thomas Clarke, Edward Maddox, 3 tymes, Elizabeth Coringe, Carth. Wethersby, Dan Piggin." (Note: The fact that Maddox was three times transported by Lawrence Dameron, indicates that he was probably a personal servant and that Lawrence made three trips to Virginia; he may have been a ship's officer as Capt. John Dameron was.) The grant was renewed in 1655 for 342 acres, and again 18 Mar. 1662-3, when it was described as "Grant from Sir. Wm. Berkeley, Knt. etc. 18 March, 1662-3, 342 a. in Northumberland County adjoining head of Yeocomoco River. This land formerly granted to sd. Lawrence 10 Oct. 1655. Now renewed, re-recorded 20 June, 1711." On p. 234 we find William Bac with land "bounding NE upon Broad Creek betwixt Yeocomico and Mattapony Rivers, NWly upon land of Anthony Linton, and SEly upon land of Lawrence Dameron." Also in Nugent is listed Lawrence Hale, 1655, with land "beg. by a branch of the Great Swamp which runs into Broad Creek S.W. by Lawrence Dameron." He is of "Mettopony." Also it is described as next to Mr. Thomas Broughton, which is next to John Mattrom.

Lawrence Dameron did not buy his GuardingPoint-Gascony estate in the lower part of Northumberland County until 1657, so apparently he first lived in the upper part in what is now St. Stephens Parish where his grant was in 1652. "The Name and Family of Dameron," by Media Research Bureau, says, "In 1655 he organized Wicomico Parish, providing it with churches, warden and vestry," but I do not know the source of this information and this organization is defunct. John Mattrom in 1645 was the first burgess from Northumberland when it became a county in that year or in 1648, according to another authority, it being originally called Chicacoan and including all northern Virginia. In 1651 Lancaster was taken off and in 1663 Westmoreland County, on the border of which latter county lived Col. Eskridge at Sandy Point, guardian of Mary Ball, mother of Washington, and she lived there for a time. John Mattrom lived at the Coan River, and his daughter Frances married Gov. Nicholas Spencer. One authority says he left Maryland in disaffection and came to this region in 1640 (WPA Guide to Virginia.)

As I thought the grant might have been in Westmoreland County, I wrote to Lucy Brown Beale, of Hague, Virginia, to search for information on the Damerons, and also looked up a few references. I could not find anything on the Lawrence Dameron grant in the Historical Atlas of Westmoreland County, Virginia, by D.W. Eaton of Oak Grove, Virginia, 1942, in which Miss Beale did a chapter. Page 2 says the boundary of the county is from the mouth of the Yeocomico River to the branch of Marshy Swamp to Muddy Run. Thomas Broughton is listed as a headright of Thomas Hobkins in 1654--also Andrew Monroe, ancestor of President Monroe, who was born in Westmoreland.

Eaton says on p. 22 that there were three parishes but one was discontinued. He does not say which one, the other two being Appomattox (formerly Washington) and Cople. Yeocomico Church is in Cople Parish and is one of the oldest in Virginia, the wardens being chosen as early as 1655. This is not far from Kinsale on the Yeocomico River.

Patents of Westmoreland County, Va., 1643-1742, show no Dameron entries.

In Wills of Westmoreland County, Va. 1654-1800, by Fothergill, I found on p. 75 Samuel Damourvell. This may be one of the spellings of Dameron, as the original Lawrence was spelled Damarell in the court records occasionally, and his grandson Lazarus and his branch usually spelled it that way. The name may not have been transcribed correctly from the original 17th century script, also. This will was dated 12 April, 1723; 8 Aug. 1723, "To son Samuel 6 negroes and 200 acres of land in Stafford Co., dau. Magdalene Rust 100 acres, of land in Stafford; dau. Elizabeth Harrison, 140 acres of land in Stafford, wife Hannah, 2 negroes, 2 horses, 2 beds and furniture." The same Will is listed in Virginia County Records, Publ. N.S. 1, Westmoreland Wills, Crozier, as "Damavarell, Samuel," p. 30, 12 Apr. 1723, 8 Aug. 1723, w. Hannah. We know that Luke Dameron in his father's will is said to have "gone to Westmoreland." (His father was William of St. Stephens). He. m. Jemima Harrison in 1794 and his brothers were John, William, Bartholomew, sister Fanny m. Richardson.

In the Valentine Papers, p. 96, I found Wm. Bacon patented 300 acres in Northumberland County on Broad Creek between Yeocomico and Mattapony Rivers, adj. Anthony Linton and Lawrence Dameron for transporting Eliza Lacy, Ed. Tapp, Phillip Lanceford, John Butcher, James Wrey, and Hen Weed, Mch. 9, 1653 (3 p. 12.)

Bartholomew, son of Lawrence Sr., the immigrant, had two sons, Josiah and Lawrence Jr., who received land in this same place in St. Stephens. The father's will of 1708 in Northumberland gives his son "Josiah the Remainder part of my land in Mattapony, vitz. from his brother Laurence up the Neck to the Extent there of to him & his heirs forever and to have priviledge for pasture with his brother for seven years." This would be in the general region of Heathsville. A reference in the Court Orders shows: "Land adj. Jno. Claughton in Mattapony Neck, St. Stephens Parish, 18 Jan. 1707-8; 17.89." (Fleet.) One of the Lawrence Jrs. married a wife named Jane and had 3 sons, but I have not found the original reference for this except in Keach.

I also sent the pay bill of 1776 with John Damron's name on it to Miss Beale thinking she could identify which county the company was raised in from the names, and she replied "In regard to "A Pay Bill of Capt. Thomas Walker," etc. the names sound very much like Essex or Gloucester County names to me. This information can be obtained from the Adjutant General's Office, National Archives, Washington, D.C." Anne Waller Reddy said she thought Danmel Waller was of the Stafford Wallers. Eubanks is a Northumberland name, so also are Taylor, Blackwell, Cox, Harding and Waddy--on this pay bill.

The following letter dated May 18, 1953, is from the genealogist Lucy Brown Beale, of Hague, Virginia, in Westmoreland County:

"I spent a little while in our Westmoreland County records and found nothing to help you. The first Dameron record was: Luke Dameron 1789. Let me clear up one point and that is--Samuel Damouvel is not Dameron. These names must not be confused.

"Without going into the Northumberland records in regard to Vol. Pg. I can tell you that the early Lawrence Dameron who had grant 1652 with wife Dorothy who gives deed of gift to her children 1669 appear to be the beginning of the Dameron family here in the Northern Neck. This early grant was between Yeocomico River and Mattopony, these little rivers are in the upper portion of Northumberland county and this section was at various times called Yeocomico Parish, Chicacone Parish, Fairfield Parish and finally called St. Stephens Parish, Northumberland. County. This particular section of land was never in Cople Parish , Westmoreland County.

"I cannot say whether Lawrence Dameron and wife Dorothy came across from Maryland with the Claughtons, Broughtons, Mottroms and other of their near neighbors or not; however, the early Maryland records might help you in the origin of the family in America.

"Bartholomew Dameron, son of Lawrence, moved, lived and died in Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, where he left issue that were very numerous. The Dameron of Wicomico intermarried with the Blestoe family on which Robert C. Siefried, 2360 Staples Mill Road, Richmond 28, Va. has numerous notes.

"In regard to the early Dameron grant, if you will take a map of Northern Neck of Virginia and locate Kinsale, Va., and Callao, Va. then look into the neck of land where Mundy Point and Harry Hogan are located you will ascertain exactly where the early Dameron grant was situated.

"Mundy Point and Harry Hogan lie between the Yeocomico and Mattopony Rivers, Mattopony is not called by this name now.

"You will find the Dameron data in the Northumberland records, St. Stephens Parish and Wicomico Parish. There are many of the Damerons living in the lower part of Northumberland and Lancaster Counties now. We have Damerons here in Westmoreland now, but no early records on Dameron.

"I have some scattering Dameron notes that I can compile for you, but expect Mrs. Cornelius has picked up all that I have.

"Let me explain again that Yeocomico Parish is the same as St. Stephens Parish. Cople Parish does contain Yeocomico Church, but the Dameron grants were in Northumberland Co. and not Westmoreland.

"Your contribution to the Northern Neck Historical Society should be sent to Mrs. Henry Mason, Montross, Virginia, Librarian."

CHARTS SHOWING THE DESCENDANTS OF LAWRENCE DAMERON, WHO CAME TO VIRGINIA BEFORE 1652, WITH HIS WIFE DOROTHY, THEIR CHILDREN BEING BARTHOLOMEW, ELDEST, GEORGE, THOMAS, SAMUEL, LAWRENCE, JR. AND DOROTHY, WHO MARRIED JOSIAS GASKINS

- Dorothy b. 1656 m. (1) Josias Gaskins, (2) Samuel Mahan
  - Josias, Jr.
  - Dorothy m. Onecephrus Harvey, a Quaker
- George c. 1698, of Wicomico Parish, m. Elizabeth, wid. of John Dennis
  - Col. Thomas, 1683-1750, of Wicomico, m. 3 times: (1) Katherine Hughlett, (2) Winifred Conway, wid. of Edward Fielding, (3) Ann Ball, wid. John Pope
    - George 1731-1801 m. Mary Anne Jones, lived at Guarding Point, Wicomico
      - Alice m. Giddings
      - Robert of Wicomico
      - Thomas
      - George Washington
    - Elizabeth m. Charles Ingram
    - Elizabeth m. Downing
    - Anne m. Thomas Waddy, 1764
    - Winifred m. Samuel Downing, Jr.
    - Thomas, of St. Stephens' d.s.p.
  - Lazarus d. 1749, Albemarle, m. Elizabeth Smith
    - George
      - George? John? Charles?
    - Richard d.s.p.
    - John d. 1757
    - Hannah
    - Judith m. 1753, Noble Ladd
      - Constantine, oldest, in Stokes Co., N.C. 1790 Census
      - Amos
      - Sarah
      - Molly
      - Huldah
      - Noble
      - Joseph, (in Stokes)
      - Judith m. John Barner 1797
      - Anne m. John Damron, he b. 1757
        - Joseph b. 1781
        - Solomon, b. 1783
        - Betsy b. 1785 m. Taylor Nelson, 1817
        - Judith b. 1787
        - William b. 1789
        - John b. 1791, Va. m. Sarah Elizabeth Shultz
        - George b. 1793 m. Elizabeth Heap, 1817, Ill.
        - Polly b. 1793
        - Moses b. 1799 m. Susan McLain
        - also Constantine Ladd, b. 1801 m. Sarah McCormick and Huldah Majors b. 1803 m. James Addleton, Ill.
        - Anna b. 1797
      - William youngest son, m. Theodosia
      - Ede, youngest dau. m. Wm. Glenn, 1791, Orange Co. N.C.
    - Moses, in Rowan, N.C. 1753
    - Winifred m. John Thomas
    - Judith m. Charles Coppedge Jr.
    - Elizabeth m. John Waddy (2) Robert Pinkard
      - John Thomas m. Anne Dameron
      - Elizabeth m. Joseph Dameron, w. 1759
        - Nancy
      - Mary m. Barth. Dameron
  - George, Inv. 1721, m. Margaret, dau. Lazarus Taylor (she m. (2) Thomas Winter, 1746)
- Lawrence, youngest son, given 324 acres in Yeocomico Parish, 1669, by his mother and Bartholomew
  - Joseph
    - Mary b. 1714, St. Stephens' Parish

CHART B.

LAWRENCE DAMERON, of NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA m. DOROTHY

Bartholomew, 1645-1708, m. in 1666, Elizabeth, dau. of Christopher Garlington. They lived in Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, Va.

ELIZA
MARY
SARAH

JOHN, youngest, W. 1743, Wicomico, m.1728 Elizabeth, dau. Thomas Taylor. (She m. 2nd George Flowers)

LAWRENCE, given land in Mattapony, St. Stephens' Parish

JOSIAH, m. 1716, wid. Pemberton Claughton. He lived in Mattapony

BARTHOLOMEW, W. 1735, co-heir with John, of his father's plantation

CHRISTOPHER, W. 1764, m. Sarah, dau. of George Ball, and cousin of George Washington's mother Sarah moved to Brunswick Co., Va. with her sons

BARTHOLOMEW, W. pr.1807, m. Mary Waddy?

JOSEPH, W.1759 m. Elizabeth Waddy

THOMAS W.1766

JOHN W. 1777, Halifax, N.C. m. Sarah Tignor

William, W. 1768, m. Sarah or Susannah, W. pr. 1773

William, W. 1785, of Heathsville, Va. m. Elizabeth, W. 1792

ELIZABETH W. m. Rev. Lewis Lunsford, 2nd, Elisha Carter, moved to Ky. and Missouri

Maria Lunsford, m. Abraham Irwin

BARTHOLOMEW, heir, of Crane's Neck, Northumberland Co., Va. m. Lucy _____

THOMAS, of Dameron's Neck, m. Nancy Ann, dau. of Thomas Ball; moved to Ky. 1810, Bourbon Co.

Mary Waddy m. Major McCormack

John Thent 1800-1829

Edward Porteous m. Maria Gregg Kennedy, had 10 ch.

Thomas Ball d.1820

Joseph Ball, m. Frances Herndon, 2d. Sally S. Barker

Lee, moved to Missouri

Louisa Ann m. Walter G. Carter, moved to Missouri

GEORGE CHRISTOPHER, Inv. 1836

Alexander

LUKE, moved to Westmoreland

Luke Jr. War 1812

WILLIAM, W.1821, of St. Stephens' Parish

Dau. m. Lewis

Edward Dameron Lewis

Dau. m. Leroy Oldham

ROGER m. dau. of Dr. Jones

CHARLES m. (Janetta) Jane, Keene, 1822; (m. 1st Nancy Pope). He d. Jan. 19, 1848

1. Elizabeth J. d.s.p.
2. Joseph McAdam, 1823-1870
3. Mary E.J. b. 1827
4. James Albert 1832-1919
5. Henry Lawson b. 1836

JOHN, heir

Luke, m. 1794 Jemima Harrison

Fanny m. Richardson

Eliza Mary

Bartholomew

William m. Nancy, St. Stephens' Parish

JOHN CORBIN b. 1784

MOLLEY DRAPER, b. 1786

LUKE WILLIAMS, b. 1789

WILLIAM b. 1792

LAWRENCE DAMERON, OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA, m. DOROTHY.

BARTHOLOMEW, m. Elizabeth, Dau. of Christopher Garlington

ELIZA
MARY
SARAH
LAWRENCE
JOSIAH
BARTHOLOMEW
(See Chart B for above)

JOHN, W. 1743, Wicomico, m. Elizabeth Taylor

CHRISTOPHER, W. 1764, m. Sarah, Dau. of George Ball, and cousin of George Washington's mother. Sarah, a widow, moved to Brunswick Co., Va., with sons, Bartholomew, Samuel, Joseph, possibly John

BARTHOLOMEW, W. 1807 (See Chart B for Desc.)

JOSEPH, heir, of Northumberland, W. 1759 m. Elizabeth Waddy
Nancy

THOMAS, W. 1766, of Wicomico

JOHN, m. Sarah or Sukey Tignor. He d. 1777, Halifax Co. N.C.
Christopher, heir
Joseph
John
Sarah
Judith
Betty m. Williams
Tignor, Rev. Soldier. He sold land 1789, Halifax Co., N.C.

THOMAS, sole heir

LAZARUS

JO.

ARON MOSES

BARTHOLOMEW, heir to entail, m. Anne Moorehead, in Brunswick 1768

MARY GRACE (youngest daughters)

SARAH m. 1st Josias Gaskins, 2nd Lattimore

ELIZABETH m. John Coppedge, Jr. 2d, Isaac Coppedge

JOSEPH m. 1762 Patience Coppedge, taxed in Brunswick, 1782

SAMUEL, 1784 bought land in Brunswick, youngest

CHRISTOPHER, W. 1762, mentions one son JOSEPH, m. Mary Burton, Caswell Co. N.C. 1790

JOHN, W. 1782, of Lancaster, Co. m. Rachel, sister of Lott Palmer. Her W. 1794

Christopher of Brunswick Co. Va. and Caswell Co. N.C.

Bartholomew, 1775-1847, unm. m. Rebecca Malone

Christopher, 1808

John Tyler m. Wm. Lewis Nancy May Love

Alexander, 1765-1823, m. Becky Lightfoot

William Henry, 1809-1892 m. Julia Mangum 1836

James, moved to Mississippi

George Ball b. 1771

WILLIAM MCORE m. Eliza Ingraham

Joseph 1763-1834 Rev. soldier d. Caswell, N.C.

SAMUEL JOHN HANNAH, m. Webb JEMIMA m. Webb

George W. d.s.p. 1863

Wm. Thomas, d.s.p. 1862

Joseph H. m. Maria Short

Mary Winifred m. Francis Hicks Cleaton

John A. m. Tempe B. Williams, of Warrenton, N.C.

Note: Christopher pr. W. of bro. Barthlomew, 1735, and was guardian of William, 1742.

CHARTS SHOWING THE DESCENDANTS OF LAWRENCE AND DOROTHY DAMERON, THEIR CHILDREN BEING BARTHOLOMEW, GEORGE, THOMAS, SAMUEL, LAWRENCE, JR. AND DOROTHY WHO MARRIED JOSIAS GASKINS AND (2) SAMUEL MAHAN.

THOMAS m. Sarah, dau. of George Bledsoe. He left no will. He was co-heir of the Wicomico estate adjoining Gaskins on Wicomico River.

SAMUEL, a lost son found by Louise H. Dameron in the Calendar of Virginia State Papers, I,p.14: "On April 14, 1683, a petition was presented from Peter Knight, John Waddy, John Taylor, and Christopher Garlington, Vestrymen, and Samuel, George and Bartholomew Dameron, church wardens, to Lord Culpeper requesting him to reinstate Mr. Charles Dacres, the rector of Yecomico Church." Samuel probably m. _____ Harvey, dau. of Onesephorus Harvey, Lancaster County, Va. ment. in will,1732.

CHARLES, whose heir was Bledsoe

ANDREW, in Court with Charles,1714, Wicomico

BLEDSOE m. Ann, d. before 1795

CHARLES,JR.

Dau. m. Spriggs — Winifred

Dau. m. Williams — Charles

HANNAH ELIZABETH NANCY MARY GEORGE, Inv. 1784

ONESIPHOROUS, W. 1762, of Wicomico Parish (m. possibly dau. of Maurice Jones)

ONESIPHOROUS M. Mary W. 1794, his W. 1782 son Jesse m. Barbara; Mary m. Blenford, Nanny m. Kellum

ONESIPHOROUS,JR. W. 1799, Norfolk, Va. m. Martha, wid. of Christopher Tompkins. He was in Norfolk 1790, with land in Edenton, Pasquotank Co., N.C.

ISAAC, heir, m. Mary

EDMOND

ABRAHAM, Rev. soldier, Northumberland

EDWARD

MAURICE, in N.C. 1766

THOMAS, JACOB m. in 1790 Mary, was in Pasquotank, N.C. with Onesiphorous, Edenton Dist. Rev. soldier.

Dau. b. 1775, St. Stephens, named Anne

ONEY S. m. Alice Herbert (Dawley), 1812,Norfolk City

JOSEPH

JAMES WILLIAM b. 1765, m. Mary Warren and (2) Jane Keeling

John F. Isophorous Robert B. James D.

JOHN b. 1809, m. Ellen Sykes

NANCY b. 1791

WILLIAM b. 1793

SOPHIA, b. 1797

JAMES WM. JR. b. 1799

SAMUEL KEELING b. 1800

FANEY CATHRINE b. 1802

MARY ANN PIGOTT b. 1807

MARY JANE, only child, m. Sylvester Baker Moore

JOHN DAMERON b.1856

WILLIAM JAMES b. 1859

HELEN VIRGINIA

ALICE ELIZABETH

MARY AGNES, also SYLVESTER BAKER, b. 1872

FRANCES MATILDA, b. 1874

INDIE (INDIANA) KEMPER, AND JANE KEELING MOORE. b. 1877

iii. THE DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE DAMERON AND ELIZABETH DENNIS.

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who came to Northumberland County, Virginia, before 1652.

II. GEORGE, son of above Lawrence, who married Elizabeth Dennis, widow of John Dennis, in 1679 or 1680. He inherited the manor at Guarding Point in Wicomico Parish, which was kept by his descendants until 1849 when landawas deeded by Robert J. Dameron to John Hopkins Harding and William Harding, brothers. Robert made deeds to both Hardings and Jennie Harding Cornelius says: "All William's brothers inherited much property and money from him and it is likely this property was bought by William Harding and given to his brother J. Hopkins or his children." The old Dameron house was torn down about 1849. George Dameron died 1698 and his brother Bartholomew administered the estate April 15, 1702. The children of George Dameron were Elizabeth, Thomas,George and Lazarus.

"Adm. to Elizabeth Dennis, ye relict of John Dennis on his Estate, Elizabeth Dennis, Mr. Bartholomew Dameron, bond for Est., Mr. George Dameron, Mr. Christopher Garlington, Mr. John Pinkard and Mr. Thos. Waddy to appr. Est.(30)," p. 3, Northumberland County Orders, 1678-1713, L.O. Duvall. Date 15 Jan. 1678-9. The same reference p. 55 shows: "Mr. Bartholomew Dameron admr. of George Dameron to pay unto Philip Tignor and Sarah his wife late Sarah Dennis dau and sole heir of John Dennis, decd & her est. in thepos. of the sd. Geo. Dameron who marryed sd. Sarah's mother & widow of the sd. John Dennis. 25 Sept. 1699."

1. Elizabeth, daughter of George and Elizabeth Dennis Dameron, m. Charles Ingram. The above reference, p. 63, also says: "April 15, 1702, motion of Charles Ingram by his petition for division of the estate of Mr. George Dameron, decd. into four equal parts and the possession of the sd. Charles Ingram who marryed one of the sd. Dameron's daughters with her part."

2. Col. Thomas Dameron, Will 1750-1, age 67, left his property to son George.

3. George Dameron. Above reference shows 18 June, 1702, "George Dameron, orphan son of George Dameron, chose Mr. Christopher Garlington Guardian." He married Elizabeth Taylor, daughter of Lazarus. An abstract of the will of Lazarus Taylor Feb. 9, 1711, recorded Jan. 18, 1726-7, in Book 1720-29, p. 36, mentions eldest son William, brother John Taylor, sons Argill and Lazarus, Aaron and John, daughter Margaret, son-in-law George Dameron. Witnesses were John Coppedge, James Taylor, John X Hill (his mark.) Fleet's Northumbria Collectanea, p. 32-3, has "George Dameron. Phillip Tignor orphan bound to him. 16. Jan.1716-7, 6. 187;" also "George Dameron Permitted to bring Dennis Tignor orphan son of Phillip Tignor to next Court for examination. Dennis got a little out of hand. 19 Sept. 1716. 6. 182." George Dameron witnessed the will of his uncle Bartholomew in 1708 with John Ingram. He m. Elizabeth Taylor in 1720.

4. LazarusDameron who sold his land in Wicomico Parish, 1725, and went to King George County, where in 1726 there is a deed in his name, which this branch usually spelled "Damarel" in early times. He left Hanover Parish in King George and died in Albemarle County, Virginia, 1749.

1. COLONEL THOMAS DAMERON OF GUARDING POINT

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who came to Northumberland County before 1652, at Guarding Point.

II. GEORGE, son of Lawrence, died 1698, w. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis.

III. COL. THOMAS, died age 67, Will dated March 27, 1750, son of George and Elizabeth He married Katherine Hughlett, by whom he had two children:

1. Elizabeth. She married a Downing.

2. Thomas, who died unmarried. He was left a large estate in St. Stephens Parish, Northumberland County, by his grandfather Hughlett.

The Court Orders 1756-58, p. 155 have this: "On motion of Elizabeth Downing who made Oath to law Certificate is granted her for obtaining Letters of Admrs of the estate of Thomas Dameron dec'd in due form for giving security whereupon she together with Samuel Blackwell & Ellis Gill acknowledged bond for the Admrs. of sd. Estate." On the same page, May 9, 1757: "John Hughlett, Elisha Betts, John Christopher & Thos. Williams or any three of them are appointed to appraise on Oath in Current money the slaves if any and personal estate of Thomas Dameron dec'd that shall be presented to their view & return an Inventory thereof to the next Court."

Katherine Hughlett died shortly after the birth of her second child and Col. Thomas Dameron married, second, Winifred Conway Fielding, by whom he had a daughter.

3. Winifred Dameron, who married Samuel Downing, Jr. They had a son Thomas.

Col. Thomas Dameron survived his second wife and married, third, Ann Ball, widow of John Pope, who died 1764 (Ann). By her he had three children:

4. Anne, referred to in her father's will as "Anne Dameron," hence this implies that she was not married in 1750, as Elizabeth Downing and Winifred Downing are mentioned as his daughters by their married names. In 1764 she married Thomas Waddy, a second cousin.

5. George Dameron, who inherited his father's estate at Guarding Point, but was not of age when his father's will was made. He was born 1731 and died 1801. About 1762 or 1763 he married Mary Ann Jones, daughter of Charles. He was the grandson of Capt. George Ball, who also lived at Bay View in Wicomico on the estate adjoining the Damerons, and who was first cousin of Mary Ball, mother of George Washington. Mary Ball's father Joseph was the son of William Ball, the immigrant to Lancaster County, Will 1680. George Dameron was vestryman in Wicomico church and active in local affairs. The children mentioned in his will of 1801 were George Washington, Thomas, Robert and Alice Giddings. It also mentions his wife Mary Ann and the children of his son Thomas, friends Capt. Thomas Hurst, Henry L. Gaskins and Jesse Crowder, executors. Dated Feb. 19, 1801, proved 12 Oct. 1801. It gives to son Thomas "the land he lives on and seventy acres formerly given to George W. Dameron," the deed of gift being Oct. 17, 1796. (Note: The Descendants of Hugh Brent, p. 149, says Isaac Brent b. 1796, d. 1848 Northumberland, m. Mary Dameron of Northumberland on Mar 8, 1818, b. 1791, grand-dau. of George and Mary Ann Jo Dameron. She d. June, 1862. Mrs. Pearce says George m. Ann Jones 175

a. WILL OF COL. THOMAS DAMERON OF NORTHUMBERLAND, 1750-1751

"I, THOMAS DAMERON SENR. of the County of Northumberland being Sick & weak of Body but of Sound mind and memory thanks be to God do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following viz. First I commit my soul to God my Creator and my Body to the Earth its original being fully assured that the Sacrifice of Crist is a Worthy Expiation for all his sins of the faithfull and therefore hope that my Soul and body Will have a Joyfull meating at the Resurrection of the Just by the Merits Mediation and Intercession of our Compleat Redeamer the Lord Jesus Christ Amen, I Give to my son George Dameron the land I now live on with the appurtenances and also the Land I bought of John Nicklesto have and to hold unto my Said Son George and the heirs of his Body lawfully begotten for ever and for want of such heirs I give the said lands to my son Thomas Dameron and the male heirs of his Body Lawfully Begotten and for want of Such Issue to my two daughters Winnifred Downing and Anne Dameron and the heirs of their bodys Lawfully Begotten. Item, I give my son Thomas Dameron my negro Woman called Nan and her future increase, Item I give to my Grandson Thomas Downing and his Heirs my negro Girl called Winney and her Increase--

"Item, I Give to my son Thomas Dameron and my Daughter Elizabeth Downing after the Death or Marriage of my Wife Anne Dameron two negroes Viz. Robin & Phillis a Woman to be Equally Divided between them and their heirs, Item I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Downing one thousand Pounds Tobo, to be paid by my exetrs. here after mentioned,

"Item, I give to my son George Dameron and his heirs three negroes viz, Charles, Moses and Moll and her Increase, Item, I give to my Said son George one feather bed Bedstead and furniture Six Cows, five Ewes six head of hogs one horse colt and also my Pistolls Holsters Sound and my new Duty of Man to be paid to him when he shall attain to age or Married.

"Item, I give to my daughter Winnifred Downing and her heirs one negro Girl called Jane and her Increase, and also one feather bed and furniture Six head of Cattle five Ewes six head of hogs all which she now haith in her possession. Item I Give my Daughter Anne Dameron and her heirs her choice of my Negro Girls not herein before Given and her Increase and also one feather bed and furniture Six Cows, five Ewes six head of hogs one Mair which is now called her mair and her future Increase to be Paid to her when she Shall attain to age or married, Item I give to my Brother Lazarus Dameron twenty Shillings Current Money to be paid upon his Demand, Item it is my Will and Desire that my Debts and Legacies being first paid the Rest of my Estate be kept together for the Maintainance and advantage of my Wife and two Children my son George and my Daughter Anne till they attain to age or Shall marry and then I Give to my Said Wife the use of a negro man Called Robin and two negro Women Phillis and Winney and all the negroes I had with my Said Wife Except Charles here in before Given During her Natural Life or Widowhood and also the half of my household Goods and of all my Stock and other Personal Estate not here in before Given During her Widowhood or Natural Life and no Longer, Item I give all the Rest of my Negroes and all my other personal Estate not here in before absolutely Given to my three children viz. my son George my Daughter Winnefred and my Daughter Anne and their . . . heirs to be Equally Divided between them When my son George Shall attain to the age of twenty-one years or Married--

"Item, I give to my three children, Viz. my son George my Daughter Winnefred and my Daughter Anne after the Death or Marriage of my Wife Anne Dameron all the Negroes household Goods and other Personal Estate as I gave my Said wife the use of During as afore said the Negroes here in before Given only Excepted and the Rest to be Equally Divided between them and their heirs at the Death or marriage of my Wife, Item it is my Will that my Estate Shall not be appraised, Item I do appoint my Said wifeAnne Dameron Executrix with my friend Capt. George Ball and my son GeorgeDameron whom I appoint Executors with my said wife of this my Last Will and Testament.

"In Witness where of I have hear unto set my hand and Seal the 27th day of March in the year one thousand Seven Hundred and fifty.

THOMAS DAMERON SENR. (SS)

Signed Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

Test. Jas. Waddy
his
Test Jno X Nicholas
mark

Test Jos Mott

"At a Court held for Northumberland County the 11th Day of March 1750-1, This Last Will and Testament of Thomas Dameron Deceased was Presented in Court by George Dameron one of the Executors there in Named who made oath according to Law and the same was Proved by the oath of Joseph Mott a Witness there to and Ordered to be Recorded and on the Motion of the said Executor Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining a Probate there of in Due form--

Teste. Thos Jones Junr. Cl. Cur.

(Note: Above will is from Book 1, p. 227, Northumberland County Wills, and the following is from Book 4, p. 86:)

"In obedience to an Order of the Northumberland County Court dated the 9th day of May 1757 appointed We the Subscribers to appraise the Estate of Thos Dameron Dec'd in Current money." Three pages of personal property follow. Elizabeth Downing Admrs. Jno. Christopher, John Hughlett, Elisha Betts, Appraisers. This refers to the son of Thomas who died 1750, Thomas Jr.

"17 July 1706. Thomas Hughlett and Margaret his wife acknowledge a deed of gift to Thomas Dameron Junr. and Katherine his wife for 100 acres." From Northumberland County Orders. A note states that the Book of Records for 1710 was burned with the office in October.

"16 May 1717 Thomas Dameron Jur. complained against by Jno. Kean Guardian of Stephen Kean." P. 33 County Court Orders, Northumbria Collectanea.

"Thomas Dameron, Junr. son and heir to George Dameron dec'd. Deed to Bartholomew Dameron, 19 Feb. 1705-6, 17.55." Same reference.

Northumberland County Orders 1678-1713 by L.O. Duvall, has p. 4, mention of estate of John Williams, 1678, transported by John Hughlett, p. 8." P. 55 has Winifred Hughlett adm. of Allice fferne, heir of mother Alice." 25 Sept. 1699.

P. 89 has: "Robt. Crowder orphan of Thomas to serve Thomas Dameron and his wife till 21." This is 1708.

b. DEED OF GIFT OF GEORGE DAMERON OF WICOMICO PARISH, 1796, TO THOMAS

" KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT that I GEORGE DAMERON of the Parish of Wiccomoco in the County of Northumberland for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which I have and bear unto my son Thomas Dameron have given granted and Confirmed and by these presents do give grant and Confirm unto my said son Thomas Dameron and his heirs for ever all the land I hold out of the Neck Except the seventy Acres I gave to my son George Washington Dameron, to have and to hold all the above mentioned Land unto the said Thomas Dameron and his heirs and assigns forever to the only proper use and Behoof of the said Thomas Dameron his heirs and assigns forever and I the said George Dameron do hereby bind and oblige myself my heirs, Exers. and Admrs. to warrent and Defend all and every of these above mentioned Lands unto the said Thomas Dameron and his assigns for ever.to the only proper use and Behoof of the said Thomas Dameron and his heirs and assigns for ever.

"In Witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 17th day of October one thousand seven hundred and ninety six.

GEORGE DAMERON (S.L.)

Signed Sealed and Delivered
and acknowledge in presence of
undersign before assigned

William Gaskins
Bartho. Dameron
Thomas Dameron, Jr.

"At a Court of monthly session held for Northumberland County, at the Courthouse on Monday the 12th of June, 1797, this Deed of Gift was acknowledged by George Dameron a party thereto and Ordered to be recorded.

Teste.
Catesby Jones Clk.

Truly Recorded,

Teste.
Catesby Jones Clk.

(Note: This is taken from Northumberland County Record Book No. 15,1794-9.)

The following notes were taken from Swem's Virginia Historical Index by Julia Dameron Old:

25 William and Mary (1), p. 46. Elizabeth Dameron m. Samuel Downing... (p. 48-9), by the death of her brother Thomas Dameron, Jr., she inherited from her grandfather, Thomas Hughlett... Sam'l Downing married about 1742, Elizabeth Dameron, dau. of Mr. Thomas Dameron and Katherine Hughlett, his wife... is mentioned in the will of her father, Thomas Dameron, dated Apr. 17, 1751, proved May 10, 1751 . . . Aug. 4, 1748, John Dameron was exec. of Samuel Snow. p. 99 Thomas Downing, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Dameron) Downing... p. 100. John Downing b. May 1, 1755, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Dameron Downing.

P. 256--Elizabeth Dennis afterwards married George Dameron...

P. 262 John Waddy m. Elizabeth Dameron, dau. of Geo. and Margaret Taylor Dameron.

P. 263: Issue: 1. Thomas Waddy, son, m. Ann Dameron. 2._____. 3. Elizabeth Waddy m. Joseph Dameron Jan. 8, 1759 . . . Joseph Dameron in right of his wife, Elizabwth... asked for a division of John Waddy's estate... Elizabeth (Waddy) Dameron m. secondly, Robert Pinckard. She died in 1758... Son Thomas Waddy and son-in-law Joseph Dameron were administrators of her considerable estate.

Further notes from Jennie Harding Cornelius, July 4, 1953: "The Court Orders from 1720 to 1756 are in the State Library (Richmond) and they will not let us have them back, which was in the agreement when they were taken away from here... they take the place of many records that are lost, burned etc. There is not a record book for 1673-1705, 1714-1717, 1729-1737, which is necessary for search in this county.

"In regards to the finding of Samuel Dameron, the son of Lawrence, this is all you will ever find of this. Mr. Fleet made abstract of the C.O. and since then Mr. Duvall has made abstracts of them and he got what Mr. Fleet did not get, and it is not in either one of their abstracts. I have here every entry from their records on the Damerons. It could be some of the court orders were lost as pages were loose in the books, when they were taken from the Clerk's Office here. Some of the Damerons you do not have may have died between 1729-37, and the will not available but the court order you have of Chris. Dameron presenting the will of his brother Bartholo. Dameron is right, I am sure, and for this reason the Court Orders for this period should be searched. I cannot say who the father of William is as I do not have the Court Orders to find out. The inventory, would not give anything but his personal estate (of William, I mean), only his Admrs. name perhaps, and appraisers. I will look at this for you. There are some Damerons who spell their name Damerol here in this county and they later went to Lancaster. I had a very distant relative who married a Miss Damerol; his son is now a Methodist minister. A Charles Dameron will 1827 spells his name Damron, and it is found many ways. I can borrow Overwharton's Parish Register and see if there are any Dameron births in it, but this I doubt. As to the entry about Steph. Kean, it is from Mr. Duvall's abstracts and that is all there is for you to get, unless the deed can be read in Book 1710-13 (it was Steph. not Selph Kean, for the item on Jane and Lawrence Dameron), which I doubt. The year for 1713 cannot be read due to fading. A photostatic copy is here and the ink is run together, not indexed. If Lawrence had a son Samuel, he Lawrence (1) must have been married before he married Dorothy and this son came with him, but in the grants he is not mentioned as coming. He could have been of age at that time. This Joseph you have found in Boubetourt, I am sure is the son of Thomas d. 1766--he may be found in Augusta."

2. LAZARUS DAMERON AND ELIZABETH SMITH OF ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who came to Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, befor

II. GEORGE, d. 1698, who married Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis. He inherited the Guarding Point estate in Wicomico, so no doubt Lazarus lived there as a child.

III. LAZARUS "who was the youngest son of George and Elizabeth Dameron, marri Elizabeth Smith. He left Northumberland County and went to King George County; further records concerning him have not been found," according to the Media Researc Bureau.

Lazarus was a boy when his father died, and the Northumberland County Orders on p. 71, show that "Lazarus Dameron, son of George, chose Mr. Barthol. Dameron Guardian Sept. 25, 1704." The Court Orders also show "Thomas Dameron presented for being drunk on the Sabbath Day about the month of August last past, by information of Lazarus Dameron. 16 Nov. 1715, 6.143." Then on Aug. 18, 1725, Lazarus Dameron, carpenter, of Wicomico Parish, deeded to Thomas Gaskins 124 acres in that parish. Jennie Harding Cornelius has anote: "This is the first piece of property in be sold by the Dameron family of the grant to Peter Knight who assigned it to Lawrence Dameron. Thomas Gaskins bought much of the property."

George Dameron's estate was administered by his brother Bartholomew in 1702, April 15, and the court appointed Hancock Lee, John Haris and Bartholomew Shrever and James Waddy to divide the estate into four parts, though the son George receive the homestead. The children were all minors apparently.

The Will of Col. Thomas Dameron March 11, 1750-1 says: "Item I give to my Brother Lazarus Dameron twenty Shillings Current Money to be paid upon his Demand." Apparently he feared Lazarus had some claim on his estate for he did not mention his other brothers in these terms. They may have had quite a feud for above we see Lazarus having Thomas Dameron up in court for drinking on Sunday.

Mariam Damron Cropper found a deed in the Prince William County records (F. Va. p. 4), given by Lazarus Dameron, of King George County, to George Brown, 19 Apr. 17 He sold 836 acres of land in Prince William County to Brown for 2,000 pounds of tobacco and 16 pounds current money of Virginia. She also found in the King George County Deeds 1721-1892, Part 1, Lazarus Dameral 1726 to John Steward deed lease, folio 414, p. 1, and Lazarus Dameral 1726 to John Steward deed, 415, p. 1. Part 2, Dameral to Stewar d lease 3 Feb. 1726, says Lazarus Dameral, planter of the parish of Hanover, leased 600 acres to Steward. On p. 415 the same two parties as above, Dameral releases Steward in consideration of 3,000 pounds tobacco and two bushels of Indian corn. She also checked the following and found nothing: King George County Marriages in St. Paul's Reg.; General Index to Wills, King George County; Inventory and Fiduciary Accounts, Index, King George County, 1721-1921.

Lazarus Dameron mentions in his Will probated 1749, sons Moses, John, George and daughters Judith, Hannah and Winefred Thomas. He also had a son Richard who di about the same time. This looks like a tragedy of some kind, as they made out their Wills about the same time also. The son John died in 1757 in Albemarle so this was an unfortunate place for them. They had all got their land patents in Albemarle only the year before their deaths.

a. DEED FROM LAZARUS DAMERON TO THOMAS GASKINS, 1725

"This Indenture made ye 18th day of Aug. one thousand and Seven hundred and twenty-five Between Lazarus Dameron Carpenter of the parish of Great Wicomico in the County of Northumberland of one part and Thomas Gaskins Junr Gentleman of the parish and County of the other part Witnesseth that the said Lazarus Dameron for and in Consideration of the full sum of nine thousand pounds of good Tobacco well payd by the said Thomas Gaskins Junr the Receipt where of and him self to be there with well satisfied the said Lazarus Dameron Doth Acknowledge and there of Doth here by fully Discharge the said Gaskins Junr & his heirs Executors and Admrs. Hath Given Granted Bargained Sold Enfeofed and Confirmed and by these prst Doth fully and absolutely Give Grant Bargain Sell Enfeof and Confirm unto the said Thos. Gaskins Junr and his heirs a Certain Track or parsel of land Containing one hundred and twenty four Acres Situate in the parish and County aforesaid the said one hundred and Twenty-four acres of Land and all appurtenances there unto belonging. To have and To Hold unto the said Thomas Gaskins Jr. his heirs and assigns for ever (Subject to the Quitrents which from henceforth Shall become Duly and the said Lazarus Dameron Doth for him self and his heirs Covenant Grant & agree to and with the said Thomas Gaskins Junr that the hereby Granted Land and premises now is and so from hence forth Shall be and Continue Clearly acquited Exonerated and Discharged of and from all manner of former Gifts Granted Bargained Sales and all Incumbrances what so ever with warrenty against any person or persons what so ever and the said Lazarus Dameron doth further Covenant and promise to Deliver up to the Said Thos. Gaskins Junr. all the papers he hath concerning the title and bounds of the here by Granted Land and premises and also to make any other Deed from Lazarus Dameron to Thomas Gaskins Junr. or Deeds for the more Sure Conveying of the Said One Hundred and twenty four acres of Land and Appurtenances unto the Said Thomas Gaskins Junr. his heirs and assigns as the said Gaskins Junr or his heirs or assigns Shall at any time Require (at his or their Costs and Charges in the Law).

"In Witness Where of to allow Singular the premises afore said Have Interchangeably here unto Set my hand and Seal the day and year above written.

Lawrence Dameron (Seale)
her
Elizabeth X Dameron (Seale)
Mark

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of John Bashford, John Hunter, Memorandom August the 18th 1725, Livery of Seizer was this day made and Given by the within named Lazarus Dameron of the within mentioned land and premises unto the within named Thomas Gaskins Junr. by Delivery of Turf and Twigg on the sd. Land in presenne of John Hunter, John Bashford, Sig. Ann X Palmer.

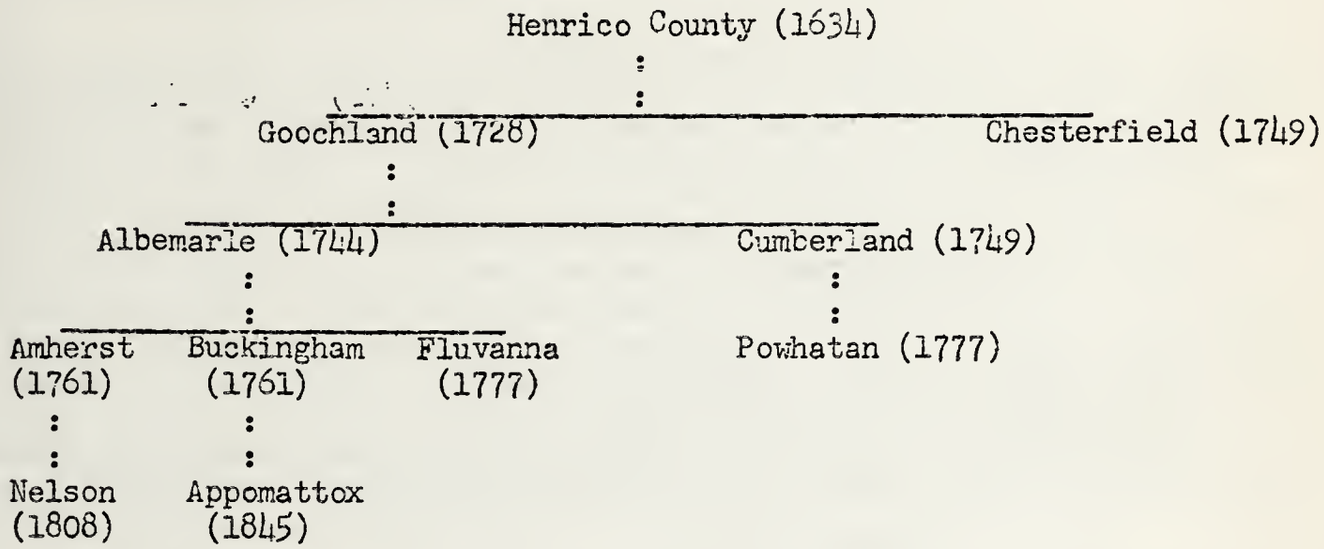
Aug. 15th, 1725. This deed of Indenture with Livery and Seizer was acknowledged in Northumberland County Court by Lazarus Dameron & Elizabeth his wife to Thomas Gaskins Junr. & is Admitted to Record.

Test. Richard Lee, Cl. Cur.

(Note by Jennie Harding Cornelius: This is signed by Lawrence instead of Lazarus but every one thinks it is a mistake when it was recorded; the original is not available. This is the first piece of property to be sold by the Dameron family of the grant to Peter Knight who assigned it to Lawrence Dameron. Thomas Gaskins bought much of the property.) It is in Book 1718-26, p. 403.

A land grant in the Patent books of Virginia, Book 26, 1747-48, shows that "Lazarus Damrol" received 212 acres in Albemarle"beginning at a hickory on the north side of the Fluvanna." Signed, Wm. Gooch, Apr. 5, 1748. The Fluvanna River is now the Upper James. Also in 1748 patents were given to Lazarus' sons, George, John. The land of George was south of the River, next to Michael Thomas and Major Howard. All the other grants were north of the river. John's land was on Hardware River, next to his brother Richard's, and George's grant in 1755 was on the Hardware River and Briery Creek, but his first grant in 1748 was south of the river, all in Albemarle County. The Hardware River is north of the James and enters the James below Scottsville. Albemarle was created 1744 from Goochland and in 1761 Amherst was cut from it, Buckingham in 1761, and Fluvanna 1777. Therefore, the land north of the James of Lazarus, John, Richard and George would now be in Fluvanna, while George's grant on the south would be in Buckingham County. Right at the point where the Hardware River enters the James is the long island owned by Amos Ladd, where there was probably a ferry later on Noble Ladd's place, but this island might be in either Fluvanna or Buckingham. In any case the Ladds and Damerons were close neighbors in this region.

A chart will show these counties:



It must also be noted that King George in 1721 was cut off from Richmond County, which in 1692 was cut off from Rappahannock (E), which latter was cut off from Lancaster 1656-1692, while Lancaster was taken from Northumberland in 1651, and Northumberland was an original county in 1648.

Prince William was taken in 1731 from Stafford, which was formed 1664 from Westmoreland (Westmoreland was formed 1663 from Northumberland). Fairfax was created 1742 from Prince William.

There is some difficulty reading the date of theWill of Lazarus, as it is in Roman numerals. Bell's Records of Wills and Abstracts of Albemarle County, Va. gives the date as 2-29-1743, probated 2-14-1749. I. Estelle King, 133 North Wetherly Drive, Beverley Hills, Calif., 1940, a genealogist, in Abstracts of Wills, Inventories and Administration Accounts of Albemarle Co., Va., has: "Lazarus Dameron, 29 Sept. 1748, 14 Feb. 1749, sons Moses, John and George Dameron, grandson Charles Thomas, daughters Judith Dameron, Hannah Dameron and Winifred Thomas. Exrs. son John Dameron and John Thomas, son-in-law." The original will gives "year of Lord MDCCXLIX," for the date, unless this is also a type error, proved 14 Feb. 1749.

b. WILL OF LAZARUS DAMERON, ALBEMARLE COUNTY, 1749.

"IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN, I Lazrous Damron of the parish of St. Ann's, county of Albemarle, being of perfect mind and memory, praise be to God, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner following: I most humbly bequeath my soul to God, its maker and redeemer and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter mentioned. I give and bequeath to my son Moses Dameron all my houses and all my land to him and his heirs forever, and in case of his death without lawfully begotten heirs, then I give and bequeath all my houses and all my lands mentioned above to my son John, to him and his heirs forever, and in case of his death without issue lawfully begotten, then I give and bequeath all my houses and lands above mentioned to my daughter Judith Dameron to her and her heirs lawfully begotten forever, and in case of her death without issue, then I give and bequeath all the above houses and lands to my grandson Charles Thomas to him and his heirs forever.

"Item: I give and bequeath to my son Moses Damron my boy John Ward during the remaining part of his apprenticeship and in case of his death _____ I give and bequeath the residue of the said John Ward's time to my son, John Dameron. Item: I give and bequeath to my son John Dameron my second best bed and furniture and money scales and also my boy English McCoy till the expiration of his apprenticeship.

"Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Judith Dameron the bed and furniture I bought from Richard Hall, with her mother's box iron and heaters. I also give her one young mare and her increase. Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Hannah Dameron my third best feather bed and furniture and a mare called Tebb and her increase. Item: I give and bequeath to my son George Damron one shilling sterling. Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Winifred Thomas one shilling sterling. Item: My will and pleasure is that the residue of my estate herein mentioned be equally divided between my son John Damron and my two daughters Judith and Hannah Dameron. Item: I desire that neither of my daughters, Judith or Hannah, after their marriage, shall have anything to do upon my premises. Item: My desire and will is that my estate be not appraised. Item: I constitute and appoint my son John Dameron and my son-in-law John Thomas executors of this my last will and testament, In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th day of Sept. in the year of our Lord MDCCXLIX (1748).

LAZARUS DAMERON.

"Signed sealed and delivered by the said Lazarous Dameron for his last will and testament in presence of us who were present at his signing and sealing hereof:

"John Peter William (X) Grafly
John Wiley, Jun.

This will was proved 14 Feb. 1749. Bell lists witnesses as John Thomas, John Thomas Jr.

This will is abstracted in "Notes from the Family Bible of John W. Carter," by Gladys M. Bloyd, 513 7th Street, Moundsville, W. Virginia, referring to the "Carters, Tapscotts, Damerons and Emersons." It is an account of the descendants of John W. Carter 1778-1861, son of Thomas Carter of Lancaster County, Va., and Mary Smith Dameron of Nelson County, Va., his wife. P. 8 says: "Mary Smith Dameron may have been descended from Lazarus Dameron b. 1690, d. 1749, Will 29 Sept. 1748, proved 14 Feb. 1749, son of George^{2} and of Lawrence^{1}. Lazarus married Elizabeth Smith, had Moses^{4}, John, George, Judith, Hannah, Winifred. (Albemarle W.B.A. Ref. $23^{2}A^{3}K^{2}$, p. 2.)"Apparently the descent is from Moses listed as 4th generation.

C. WILL OF RICHARD DAMERON, ALBEMARLE COUNTY

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I RICHARD DAMERON, of the parish of St. Anne's in the county of Albemarle, being in perfect mind and memory, praise be to God, though weak of body do hereby . . . and ordain my last will and testament in manner following: Viz. Imprimis, I most humbly bequeath my soul to Almighty God who gave it, and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter mentioned.

"Item: I give and bequeath to Hannah Dameron 200 acres of land lying upon Hardware River and all my stock upon said plantation and all my part of corn, and upon her death without issue lawfully begotten, then I bequeath the above to Judith Dameron and her heirs lawfully begotten forever.

"Item: It is my desire that my horse be sold in order that my just debts be paid, also my riffle gun. Item: I give and bequeath my clothes to Moses Dameron. Item: I give and bequeath to John Ward 200 acres of land (near?) George Dameron's tract where he now lives. Item: I do constitute and appoint John Dameron and Noble Ladd my executors of this my last will and testament.

"Item: I do desire my executors above named to sell my deer skins to pay my funeral charges. Item: I give and bequeath my working tools to John Dameron as also my smooth bore gun. Item: It is my desire that my estate be not appraised.

"Item: I do again declare this to be my last will and testament, In Wittness Whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this 2nd day of Dec. The year of our Lord 174__.

his
RICHARD (R) DAMERON,
mark

"Wit. John Peter
Mary (L) Ladd, her mark
Mary (X) Morris, her mark"

* * *

Albemarle Court, May Court, MDCCXLIX, proved upon oaths of John Peter, Mary Ladd and Mary Morris, witnesses of the will of Richard Dameron. (Book 1748-1752, Albemarle Wills.)

Now the Roman date is the same as for Lazarus 1748 for the proving of Richard's Will. However, Ruth Dorius sent me the above copy with the date 1742 on it, 2d of Dec. as the date of signing. The Carter Bible says the will was proved May Court 21 Dec. 1748. Bell says VI-2, p. 1, "12-2-1743 Will of Richard Dameron... probated 1749." I. Estelle King gives "Richard Dameron, 21 Dec. 1748, May Court, 1748, Legatees Hannah Dameron 200 acres of land; Judieth Dameron; clothes to Moses Dameron; John Ward to have 200 acres of land; John Dameron to have working tools."

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Mrs. Cornelius wrote to me: "There is not a marriage bond in Albemarle County for Noble Ladd and Judith Dameron but this county like others do not have all their records at all."

Marriage Bonds of Fluvanna, Va. prior to 1801, by the Misses Curry, has Dunmore Dameron m. Patsey Cox d. of George, July 26, 1798, bond John Davis. Also John Ladd m. Ann W. Moore, bond Thos. Johnson, Oct. 12, 1796. John Moody and Elizabeth P. Price, Bond John Fox Jr. Dec. 20, 1796.

The children of Lazarus Dameron and Elizabeth Smith were the following:

1. George Dameron. The Virginia Land Grants from George II, p. 657, show a patent to George Dameron from George II for 400 acres for 40 shillings (p. 2). The 400 acres are in the county of "Albemarle on the north side of Hardware River and on Briery Creek and bounded as followeth to wit: Beg. at a Spanish oak corner of Hugh Morris's and with his line north two degrees west 88 poles to Briery Creek,the same course continued on a new line." Signed by Robt. Dinwiddie, Lt. Com. of Col. Williamsburg, Sept. 10, 1755.

An earlier patent, p. 38, was given to "George Dameril," by George II for 15 shillings,"of 1407 acres Ct. of Albemarle on the south side of the Fluvanna and bounded as followeth: 'Beginning at Michael Thomas' white oak corner running thence on his line NW 15°, 192 poles to a liveoak on the river thence up the river a new line NW 82° 54 poles to Major Howard's white oak corner thence along his line SW 8° 81 poles etc.... including all mines and quarries and water courses... as of our Mannor of E. Greenwich in the County of Kent, pay fee of 1 shilling a year. Dec. 1, 1748. (Signed) William Gooch, Baronet."

In Buckingham County, where George Dameron's land was cut off in 1761, which ran along the river, I found on the Tax Lists for 1784, George Dameron and Michael Dameron. There was a George Dameron in the Revolution who applied for a pension in 1832 from Halifax County, N.C. This stated he lived in Halifax County, Va. before 1798. Charles Dameron in the Revolution in the 2d Regiment was in Albemarle County when he entered service, and was in Georgia 1786.

A Page Dameron was on the Tax List of 1798-1803 in Buckingham, and this name was listed in the Carter Bible as being related to those Damerons. Amherst County, Virginia, in the Revolution, lists George and Daniel Dameron.

2. John Dameron, executor of estate of his father Lazarus in 1749, with his brother-in-law John Thomas. John received a land grant in 1748, p. 40, the grant just following that of his brother George. For 20 shillings George II grants to John Dameron 200 acres in Albemarle County on both sides of Woodson's Creek of Hardware River and beginning at Benjamin Woodson's corner white oak in Richard Dameron's line, thence on Dameron's line south to Woodson's line, with all woods, mines etc. Signed, William Gooch, Dec. 1, 1748.

John Dameron died in Albemarle in 1751 leaving only an inventory, no will with no names mentioned, Mrs. Pearce says. On microfilm, p. 36, I noted the inventory of John Dameron, 1757, in the same Will Book which had Richard's will, 1748-1752, Albemarle Wills. It was dated 23 May, 1757, "Inventory of the Estate of John Dameron," and another date is given as April 7, 1757. I read this as 1757 but it could be 1751, of course.

"4 head cattle 2-10	frying pan
1 mare 2	2 chairs and bed
working tools	6 joyners, chisel, wheel saw
iron wedge and biffle saw	old iron
paten	

"Signed, Amber Porter, Benjamin Damrel, Glover Davenport, 10 day of Nov. Test. John Nicholas."

It is obvious that he was a carpenter as his father was, and his father's will mentions his apprentices, leaving to John English McCoy, and to Moses John Ward.

3. Winefred Thomas, who married John Thomas, and had a son Charles mentioned in her father's will 1749 as his grandson. Lazarus' son-in-law John Thomas was executor with John Dameron, and witnesses listed are John Thomas and John Thomas Jr.

4. Hannah, to whom Richard Dameron gave 200 acres of land in his will and all his stock of the said plantation, to go to Judith if Hannah should have no heirs. This was on the Hardware River.

5. Richard Dameron. In 1748 he is mentioned in the land grant to his brother John as having land adjoining the grant, and next to Benjamin Woodson on Woodson's Creek of Hardware River. His will was proved at the May Court, 1749, while his father's was proved Feb. 14, 1749. This seems to indicate they were in some accident together, perhaps attacked by Indians. The brother John died not long after. Richard's will gives his estate to his sisters and brothers, and the executors were Noble Ladd and John Dameron.

6. Moses Dameron. In his father's will 1749 it says: "to son Mosesall houses and lands but in case he has no heirs to John Dameron." This indicates that the eldest son was George, who received only one shilling perhaps because he already was set up with his own land grant, as also was John, hence apparently Moses was the youngest son living with his father at the time of his death. However, as Moses received the clothes of his brother Richard in his will, he must have been a sizeable person at that time, 1749.

I found a Moses Dameron in the tax lists of Montgomery County in 1782. Montgomery was taken off in 1777 from Fincastle (E), which was taken off 1772-77 from Botetourt, formed 1770, from Augusta. Augusta was formed 1745 from Orange, which was taken from Spotsylvania 1734, and Spotsylvania was taken from Essex 1721. Essex was taken from Rappahannock 1692. Rappahannock was taken 1656-92 from Lancaster, and Lancasterwas taken 1651 from Northumberland.

Nell Crawford Elkins Pearce has traced this line and she found Moses Dameron or Damron in Rowan County, N.C. 1753 and later in Surry where Noble Ladd and his family were. Rowan had been cut up into several counties. Her genealogist believed this Moses might be the father of John Damron b. 1757. Moses in Surry had sold his land about 1767.which had been bought in Rowan. Rowan was taken from Anson 1753.

7. Judith Dameron, who married Noble Ladd, executor of Richard Dameron's will in 1749 with John Dameron, while Mary Ladd,Mary Morris and John Peter were witnesses. "Noble Ladd and Judah Damarel a son named Constant b. Jan. 1753, baptized, 1758, Oct. 23." I found this in the Douglas Register of Goochland, but it was not recorded by Douglas but in the Birth Registry. In this reference a list of marriages is given according to the date of birth of the first child in this register, hence this list shows the marriage of "Judah Damarel and Noble Ladd, Jan. 1753." Reference is on p. 232 (53). The Rev. Douglas was Church of England but in these records you will find all kinds of births and deaths and marriages of different denominations, including Huguenots. I found no Dameron in this book. The Will of Noble Ladd proved in Surry County, N.C. Nov. 1782 says: "I give and bequeath to my daughter Anne five shillings." In the 1790 Census for Stokes County, N.C., Salisbury District, p. 179, I found "Judath Ladd," with three females and two slaves, she being the head of family. Noble Ladd is also listed on the same page with one male over sixteen, four males under sixteen, free and white, three females and one slave. Joseph, William and Constant Ladd are also listed.

NOTES ON ALBEMARLE, CHARLOTTE AND CUMBERLAND PARISH

We have noted that George Dameron had land on both sides of the river, and in 1755 had a patent for 400 acres on Hardware River and Briery Creek in Albemarle, next to Hugh Morris. (Mary Morris was witness to Richard's will.)

He probably had a son George and one Charles, both in the Revolution. I found a pension file on Gharles Dameron in the National Archives in Washington, File 4173. Polly Damron, widow of Charles (Rev. War Vol. A, p. 167), sent her petition for pension through the Jefferson, Georgia, agent to Congress. She said her name was Polly Mays, married by John Foster, J.P. of Columbia, formerly Richmond County, Ga. to Charles Damron, and a note adds "office was burnt where the records were kept." She received $80 per annum, commencing Sept. 4, 1847. Her petition dated Jan. 7, 1845, age 80, of Jackson County, Ga. says her husband "was a private in the War of the Revolution and served in Captain Lane's Company of Regulars (or Continentals) in the 2d Regiment, and was a citizen (to the best of her recollection) of the County of Albemarle, State of Virginia, when he entered the service, that he came in the army to Georgia and was in various battles against the British." An affidavit by George W. Moore, age 69, says Charles Damron had three children. George Damron died 20 May, 1788. His wife gave William Mays of Harris County, Ga. as reference on her marriage. A document in the file says: "Charles Damron was wounded in an action on Brier Creek and was at that time in Col. Elbert's Regiment and has now two ulcers open in his right arm in consequence of a wound he received in the aforesaid action. I think he is entitled to a pension of five dollars per month, 8th Aug. 1786." This is by the Justice for Richmond County, Ga. For further details see the section on the Damerons in the Revolution.

The Hardware River region was cut off into Fluvanna and in the Marriage Bonds of Fluvanna County, Va. prior to 1801, compiled by the Misses Curry, I found Dunmore Dameron married Patsey Cox, daughter of George, July 26, 1798, bond John Davis (?). The same reference gave John Ladd m. Ann W. Moore, Bond Thos. Johnson, Oct. 12, 1796.

In the Fluvanna Deeds I found Michael Dameron deeding land to Branson Laking, 1793-1801, Deed Book 3, p. 364. Robert S. Damron deeded to Lewis Abraham 1876-1880, Book 22. John Ladd deeded to John Hurd,Book 1, 1777-1783, and also there are deeds by John Ladd to George Corn and Jehosaphat Ladd, and a deed to A. Ladd from John Ladd. The Fluvanna Order Book 1770-1791 had no Dameron in the index (Reel 16.) Index to Wills of Fluvanna (Reel15, 1776-1949) had nothing. Mrs. Pearce wrote: "From Albemarle County, I have, I believe, everything except the court minutes. I had a genealogist do extensive work there for me." Mariam Damron Cropper has also checked Albemarle records. Mrs. Pearce says: "I think one son of Lazarus, went to Montgomery County, Va." I cheaked also the Albemarle Wills & Deeds, 1748-52.

In this general region of the Damerons, we find the Ladds were close neighbors as Amos Ladd had a grant on the Hardware. Other names nearby were Moon, or Wood, Wm. Carrington, John Nicholas, Andrew Read, Baber, etc.

There is some confusion on the subjeat of "Cumberland Parish" which is in Lunenburg County, and "Cumberland Church." There is a reprint from the Farmville Herald, Apr. 13, 1934, by Dr. J.D. Eggleston, "The Beginnings of Old Briery and Cumberland Churches." These are in the general region around here. Eggleston says that between 1755 and 1760 Briery Church was established by Rev. Robt. Henry and Rev. Wm. Robertson, pioneer Presbyterians who went in 1742 to theSouth Side of the James etc. and to Hanover County, then on to N.C. on the How (? unreadable). John Caldwell, Scotch-Irish Presbyterian, brought a colony of Presbyterians to Charlotte Co., Va. and churches started 1738 at Cub Creek etc.

In 1747 "the great Samuel Davis preached in Briery," to fifteen or twenty families in Cumberland. (Charlotte was in Lunenburg then, taken over in 1765.) This congregation was on the headwaters of Briery, Prince Edward. The section of the pamphlet on "Old Cumberland" says interest began in 1743 in Presbyterianism when David preached there, many Scotch-Irish being in Lunenburg. It gives the minutes of the Cumberland group.

In 1774 Cumberland and Briery were together, hence this Cumberland Church could not be far from the other one. Eggleston said the Session books of Old Briery and Cumberland Churches had been found since he wrote his article, so I looked them up in the Virginia State Library, and found the Cumberland part too late to be of use. "The Session Book of Briery Church for 80 Years, 1760-1840," says it was established by the first Presbyterian minister, Samuel Davis, at Hanover in 1747, at the head of Briery River for the inhabitants of Charlotte. James Foster and Clement Read subscribed for a fund for the church, also Jno. Foster, Jno. Williams, Baker DeGraffenreid. Read was in Lunenburg and the chief person in the Cumberland Parish church activities. In 1774 Cumberland and Briery were together and in 1791 the boundary was determined at Briery and Cub Creek, running from Jennings Mill and the Charlotte Courthouse. In 1794 Mathew Lyle was minister.

In Lunenburg County Cumberland Parish was bordered by the Meherrin River on the south 1746 and Flat Rock Creek and Stony Creek are included in it, where the Moodys lived, who were "Cumberland Presbyterians" like the Youngs etc. St. James Parish is next to Cumberland, 1861, and Roanoke Creek is in Cornwall Parish, 1757. Randolphs were of Cumberland Parish originally, and I believe it once took in a very large territory and was later cut down. L.C. Bell has a book called "Cumberland Parish," and he lives now in Arlington, Va. The vestrymen in Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg, were Edw. Broadnax, John Ragsdale, William Gee, James Sturdivant, John Jennings, Niblett, etc. John Fleming lived there, Lowry Booker, Francis Cooper, Henry Gill etc.

The problem is that Mrs. Pearce said that about twenty years ago she took down a note that Anna Ladd and John Damron were married in "Cumberland Parish." Mariam Damron Cropper also has a note that Judith Dameron and Noble Ladd were married in "Cumberland Parish," though I found their first child, Constantine, born 1753 in Goochland. There were Ladds in Cumberland Church for the son of William Ladd, Thomas, born 1773, was on the "Cumberland Church Vestry" record. However, the Ladds were Quakers, as a rule, and they refused to have anything to do with any religious group but their own. There were a family of Ladds in Mecklenburg on the border of Brunswick in 1785, and the group was called "Ladd's Meeting." (See the Ladd genealogy.)

I found Sarah Dameron 1797 on a deed in Charlotte County, selling a tract of land with Robt. Ligon, Carrington, etc. (p. 433, Ligon Genealogy). I found a Charles Dameron in Nelson County, near Albemarle, 1810 Census, also John Q. and William.

Mrs. Pearce says: "That Charles Dameron of Albemarle County, Va. (he left there 1776, his mother was a Miss Morris) located in Jackson County, Ga. living there when he got Land grant in 1827, in Lee County, but he died in Jackson County; have his marriage, bride's name, etc. I have also worked on the Morris Line of Virginia but no results." Mariam Damron Cropper says "There was a Charles Damron, son of Wilson, in Johnson County, Illinois, along with our John."

PART ONE: NOTES ON ALBEMARLE, CHARLOTTE AND CUMBERLAND PARISH:

The following notes were sent by Ruth Damron Dorius on Albemarle County, Va.:

1799 Bk. 13, p. 93, Valentine Shultz from Charles Yancy; says Shultz came from York County, Penn.

1749, 14 Nov. Indenture between Geo. Damron of St. Anns Parish and James Peter, 147 acres of land granted to Geo. Damron by patent bearing, date Dec. 1748, in Albemarle Co, on south side Fluvanna River; George appeared in court with wife Anne Thone Dameron who relinquished her right of dower to estate conveyed to James Peter. (Wife's name not clear: written Anne Tuone, Thone etc.) Page 137,Bk.1.

1767, 8 Aug. 1767 (Bk. 4, p. 421), between George Damron of Buckingham Co. and Geo. Hilton for 50 lb. George granted 300 acres in Albemarle Co.

1750, Bk. 1, p. 232-33. Noble Ladd of St. Anns Parish and Peter Jefferson, 27 Aug. 1750, for 105 pds. Va. money. Plantation to Jefferson situated in St. Ann's Parish on South side of James River. (Peter Jefferson was father of President Thomas Jefferson,7 years old at this time.)

1776, Book 7, p.3: 22 Oct. 1776, between Charles Damron and Robert Lilly for 32 pds. 10 shillings sold to Lilly 200 acres in Albemarle County, on branch of Woodson's Creek on Richard Damron's line. In presence of the Staples, Henry Wood, Wm. Rogers, and Hugh Rice Morris.

Book 7, p. 4. power of attorney by Charles Damron to Hugh Rice Morris dated 27 Oct. 1776, appointing his trusty friend and loving Uncle Hugh Rice Morris his lawful atty. to handle the Lilly land transaction. (Mary Morris was wit. on Richard Damron's will. I think Chas. was son of John.)

1750 John Damron bought 300 acres from Jno. Wheeler 13 Oct. 1750, 7 pds. money, 374 acres situated on Huff's Creek. One of the witnesses was George Dameron.

Book 1, p. 316, Amos, his son, given 300 acres of land in St. Ann's parish, in indenture between Noble Ladd and Amos Ladd, north of Fluvanna River, beginning at mouth of New Creamer Creek up the creek to corner--up back line to head of the branch that the Indian shot John Lawson at. Thence down the branch to the river, thence down the river to the mouth of the creek begun at...together with all houses, orchards, gardens, fences, ways, waters. Signed by Noble Ladd in presence of John Peter. Amos X Ladd, John X Moor.

BUCKINGHAM COUNTY: Will of John Dameron 1879, son, John B., daughters, Margarett, Nancy, Mary, Martha; James Damron 1919, wife Clementine C.

iii. THE DESCENDANTS OF BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON 1645-1708

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who came to Guarding Point on the Wicomico River, Wicomico Parish, in Northumberland County, Virginia, before 1652, had a wife Dorothy who died about 1692. His Will was proved Dec. 17, 1660. His children were: Bartholomew, George, Thomas, Lawrence Jr. and Dorothy who m. Jonas Gaskins and 2d. Samuel Mahan.

II. BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON, "eldest son" of Lawrence above, as shown by a Court Order Nov. 20, 1669. Mrs. Keach says he was"b. about 1645 m. Elizabeth 1666. Deposition dated Mch. 15, 1725 gives her age as 75;" Elizabeth's inventory recorded 1728-9. In his father's Will Bartholomew received "one-halfe of five hundred acres of land situated in great Wicocomoco which I bought of Mr. Peter Knight," George receiving the other half which included the original mansion house. In 1702 he administered the estate of his brother George.

1. Bartholomew, who was co-heir with his brother John of his father's "plantation I now live on."

2. John, of Wicomico Parish, Will 1743, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Taylor.

3. Christopher, Will 1764, m. Sarah Ball; ancestors of the Brunswick County Damerons.

4. Sarah.

5. Mary.

6. Eliza.

7. Josiah, who received in his father's will "the remainder partof my land in Mattapony from his Brother Laurence up the Neck to the Extent there of." His inventory is on p. 123, Book 1726-29, where the name is Josias. Mattapony is in St. Stephen's Parish, Northumberland, where Heathsville is located. On June 18, 1713, the LastWill of Jno. Harris dec'd is presented to the Court by Sarah Haynie and George Ball, his executors, and proved by Hancock Nickless and Josiah Dameron. (P. 100, Court Records, Northumberland County.) On Oct. 4, 1710 Josiah Dameron complains of trespass against Jon. Johnson, St. Stephens Parish. On Mar. 21, 1710-11, 17.55, Josias Dameron re-records the deed of Thomas Dameron Jr. to Bartholomew Dameron; also re-records the Will of Bartholomew Dameron, 22 Mar. 1710-11, 17.57. On the 8th Sept. 1712, Josiah Dameron swore John Coppedge delivered patent for 342 acres granted Lawrence Dameron under deed 10 Oct. 1665, Mattapony River. On 17 May, 1716, 6. 159, under entry "John Claughton, Josiah is married to the relict of Pemberton Claughton. On 21. Jan. 1718-9; 6. 29. Sarah Dawson chooses Josiah Dameron as guardian.

8. Lawrence, who has land in Mattapony next to his brother Josiah.

a. WILL OF BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 1708

"IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN, I, BARTHOLO. DAMERON, being in perfect memory thanks be to God doe make & ordain my last Will & Testament in manner & forme following I bequath my Soule to God my Creator who gave it and my body to the Earth in Christi buryall. I give and bequeath unto my two sons Barthol & Jno. Dameron the Plantation I now live on & all my Land from the head of ye neck down wards to a line of marked Trees, which runs across the back Creek field from a part of the back Creek to the pond which belongs to the Butt known to be soe called with Land my ffather Lawrence Dameron bought of Mr. Peter Knight or by Pattent appears my above sons to have equall right & priviledge in the said Land them their heirs for ever, but if it should please God my Son Barthol. should die wth out male heirs then whole to be my son John & his heirs for ever after the death of his mother I give & bequeath unto my son Christopher Dameron the Remainder of my Land in this North. (Vitz.) the old Plantation upwards to the line of marked trees above mentioned to him and his heirs for ever. I give and bequeath unto my Son Laurence Dameron the one-half of a Divident of Land in Mattapony which my ffather bought of Mr. Thomas Broughton by Pattent three hundred and forty two acres to him the sd. Laurence the Plantation which he now lives on & up the Neck for his part to him and his heirs for ever.

"Item, I give and bequeath unto m sons Josiah Dameron the Remainder part of my Land in Mattapony (Vitz) from his Brother Laurence up the Neck to the Extent there of to him & his heirs forever and to have priviledge for pasture with his brother for seven years.

"I Give and bequeath unto my son Bartholo. one feather bed rugg & bolster three cows two breeding sowes, one cupboard, one chest one _____ and Iron pott & a large Bible that to be delivered at the Death of his Mother. I Give unto my son Laurence One Cow & calf besides what I have already given him _____ him carryd to his Plantation, I Give & Bequeath unto my Son Christopher One ffeather bed bolster rugg one balled fac horse with the stock of Cattle, hoggs which is known I had already given him with their future Encrease and chest & one Gunn all which he has in his possession. I give unto my son Jno. One ffeather bed rugg & bolster Three cows & calves two Steers of five years old three leather chairs and Low bedstead which stands in R _____ One Low Table, two breeding Sows One Chest which stands in the milk house to be delivered att the death of his Mother & Two thousand pounds of tobacco when hee comes to the age of one & twenty payable to him from his Brother Christopher, I Give & bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah One Cow & Calf & One Large Iron dripping pan I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Eliza. One Cow &Calf & four Ewes I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary one ffeather bed Rugg and bolster, three Cows and Silver Tankard, One Silver Tumbler, One Chest with Drawers, One Wainscoat Chest, one small Table which stands in my Room three Leather Chairs & One young mare which her brother Laurence brought from Cone. My Will is that if it should please God my Sone John should die before he attains to the age of One &Twenty or be marryed or my Daughter Mary Die before SHee marryed that then the Legasies of _____ (Land exaepted) shall be devided amongst the survivors (Vitz.) Bartholo., Christopher, & Josiah Dameron. I give and bequeath unto my Loving Wife Eliza, my Debts & Legasies being paid, the Reaminder of my Estate making her my full & whole Exor. appointing my well beloved brother Thomas Dameron to have the overwight of this my Will & to see it performed which I acknowledge to be my Last Will & Testament. In Witness hereunto I have sett my hand and affixed my Seale my will and desire concerning my land is for that if either of my Sons Laurence or Josiah Dameron should Die without Lawfull issue male that then their part of Land to fall to the survivor his Lawfull Issue male. If either of my Sons Bartholo. or Christopher or John Dameron should die without lawfull Issue male their parts of Land shall fall to the Survivor & their Lawfull Issue---

"In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & affixed my Seale this 1st day of Aug. Ano. 1708. BARTHOLO. DAMERON (YE SEALE)

Will of Bartholomew Dameron Aug. 1, 1708, cont'd.

"Signed, Sealed in ye presents of us Bartholo Scheever, Thomas Gaskins, George Dameron, John Ingram.

"Die 9 briee 17, 1708, This Will was probt. in Northumberland County Court to be the last Will and Testament of Bartholo. Damerons by the Oaths of Bartholo Scheever Thomas Gaskins & John Ingram, Witnesses there to & is admitted to record.

Teste Thos. Hobson, Cl. Cur.

Die Martie 20th 1710 Copa Teste Thos. Hobson Cl. at Supr.

This copy was presented by Josiah Dameron and by the Court approved and on the said Damerons Motion the same is admitted to Record.

Teste. Tho. Hobson, Cl. Cur. Northumberland County."

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(Note: Above is in Will Book 1708-20, p. 57, dated Aug. 1, 1708, rec. Dec. 17, 1708, Northumberland County, Va.)

b. NOTES RE. BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON FROM THE NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COURT ORDERS

"Mr. Bartholomew Dameron, admr. of George Dameron to pay unto Philip Tignor & Sarah his wife late Sarah Dennis, dau. and sole heir of John Dennis, dec'd, and her Est. in the pos. of the sd. Geo. Dameron who marryed the sd. Sarah's mother & widow of the sd. John Dennis,"p. 77 (55.8), 25 Sept. 1699.

"Motion of John Ingram exor. a Probate to him on the last Will of Thomas Ingram, proved by John Harris & Barth. Dameron & Anthony Haynie," p. 79, Mar. 20, 1706-7.

"Thomas Dameron Jr. D/S of Land to James Waddy att. of Bartholl Dameron as also Katherine Dameron, wife of the sd. Thomas Relinquishes her right of dower. 20 March,1705-6.

"Motion of Mr. Barth. Dameron, com. of adm. on behalf of affairs of Mr. Geo. Dameron, decs." Nov. 17, 1698.

"Adm. to Elizabeth Dennis ye relict of John Dennis on his Est. Elizabeth Dennis Mr. Bartholomew Dameron, bond for Est. Mr. George Dameron, Mr. Christopher Garlington, Mr. John Pinkard and Mr. Thos. Waddy, to appt. Est." p. 3, 19 March, 1678-9.

"Motion of Mr. Barth. Dameron, com. of Adm. on behalf of the orphanes of George Dameron, decs." Nov. 17, 1698.

"Probate of Last Will of Bartholl Dameron decd. to Elizabeth Dameron exr. proved by Bartholl Shreever, Thomas Gaskins, John Ingram." Nov. 17, 1708.

"Barthol. Dameron, Barthol. Shrever, Thos. Gaskins, Thos. Knight & Mannice Jones, any 4, to app. est. of Mr. Tho. Winter." p. 70, May 18, 1704.

I have not seen any proof that the daughter of Christopher Garlington was the wife of Bartholomew Damron, Will 1708,but this is thought possible by several persons as noted elsewhere in this mss. Mrs. Cornelius found the will of a second Christopher Garlington probably in Northumberland County Book 1706-20, p. 210, Will May 18, 1709, no date of recording, sons Christopher Garlington, Samuel Garlington, William Garlington, wife,Mary Garlington; daus. Frances Garlington and Sarah Jones; executors brother Maurice Jones, wife Mary Garlington, son Christopher Garlington. She noted: "Due to the destruction of records in the Clerk's Office 1710 by fire, this will was destroyed and re-recorded and no witness names are given and no date that it was recorded. There was a Garlington and perhaps his name was Christopher before this one, and it may be it was his daughter that married Bartho. Dameron."

She also found the proof that the Christopher Dameron of Brunswick County was the son of Bartholomew there--which I had been guessing for a long time--which means he was brother of Alexander Dameron of Brunswick. Brunswick County, Va. deeds show in 1770 "Bartholomew Dameron to Christopher Dameron, Parish of Saint Andrews, County of Brunswick 'the sd. Bartholomew for love and aff. which I bear unto my son the sd. Christopher Dameron." Barth. Dameron purchased from Wm. Downing adj. land of John Matthews. Wit. George Dameron, David Ball, Betty Dameron, Augustine Coppedge, James Love, Jr.

Now who is this George Dameron? Who is Betty Dameron, the other witness? Could this George be the son of William, Will 1785, whose brother Christopher had a son Alexander? I wonder if the wife of William were a dau. of Alexander Moorehead to account for the name Alexander, or the wife of Christopher Inv. 1836.

In Northumberland County, Va. Book 2, p. 8, Aug. 11, 1751, rec. Aug. 12, 1751, Mrs. Cornelius found the deed of "Stephen Mahanes letts to Christopher Dameron parcel of land lying in Wiccocomoco Parish N. side of Mill Creek during the term of eighteen years from the 25th day of Dec. next which will be the year of our Lord 1769 for the just sum of Fifteen pounds of Current money of Virginia (Except his Mother Deborah Mahanes' dower.) Signed Stephen Mahanes (S), Wit. Charles Ingram, George Dameron, Joseph Dameron."

In trying to find which Lawrence, Jr. had a wife Jane, I asked Mrs. Cornelius to check this: "I went to the clerk's office this A.M. July 6, to look up the deed of Lawrence Dameron and his wife Jane. If it is the book 1710-13 it cannot be read, the year of 1713 is all blotted with ink and the original is so badly faded it cannot be read. I tried to get enough out of one deed of the Harding family to make sense but it could not be done. There is much more here that will straighten out the Dameron family, but it is a big search. After 1800 there are more deeds and wills that will explain most of the line. I now charge $3.00 per hour."

She did find in Book 1726-29, April 11, 1727, rec. Apr. 19, 1727, the inventory of Josias Damron, signed by his Admrs. Jane Dameron, and list of personal property. This must be the former widow of Pemberton Claughton. It is unlikely that William was the son of Josiah or Josias Dameron, as he would have been too old to have had a guardian in 1742, when Christopher was guardian of William. Hence it appears William was the son of Bartholomew, Will 1735, whose will was proved by his brother Christopher.

1. LAWRENCE DAMERON, SON OF BARTHOLOMEW

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON who came to Guarding Point, Northumberland County, before 1652.

II. BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON, Will 1708, of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland.

III. LAWRENCE DAMERON, son of Bartholomew, mentioned in his father's will: "I give unto my son Laurence One Cow & calf besides what I have already given him* carryed to his Plantation." He also gives his son Josiah "the Remainder part of my land in Mattapony (Vitz.) from his Brother Laurence up the Neck to the Extent there of to him & his heirs forever and to have priviledge for pasture with his brother for seven years." This is in St. Stephens Parish, near Heathsville.

The Northumberland County Court Orders have an item referring to Lawrence Dameron and his wife Jane, circa. 1713, 16 May, 1717, 6. 213. See entry, Stephen Kean.

The Orders also have an item 1 Aug. 1708, 17.57, "Lawrence, son of Barth. grandson of Lawrence, formerly bought a mare from Coxe."

There is also a reference to Lawrence Dameron "Land adj. Jno. Claughton in Mattapony Neck, St. Stephens Parish, 18 Jan. 1707-8; 17. 89."

May 17, 1711, "Mary Hamlett, orphan, to serve Lawrence Dameron." She is daughter of John Hamlett.

(Note: Above references are taken from Fleet's Northumbria Collectanea, 1645-172 In his introduction, Fleet says "the cruelty and general vulgarity of our ancestors from Northumberland was shocking." Beverly Fleet's address in 1938 when he "translated" these items was Box 161, West End Sta., Richmond, Va. I noticed an item in 1707, p. 82, when Hull bequeathed "one young Indian slave" to his daughter. Another on p. 71, in 1704, shows "Anne Smyth aged 4 years with the consent of her mother to serve Phill. Bussell.")

I will note here the names of some genealogists on the Northern Neck:

Mrs. J.H. Cornelius, Heathsville, Va. on Northumberland County, who did much of the research for this book for me.

Mrs. Lucy Brown Beal, Hague, Virginia, on Westmoreland County.

Mrs. Chidester T. Pierce, Nuttsville, Virginia, on Lancaster County.

Mrs. Thomas Lomax Hunter, King George, Virginia, knows the history of that region.

Recently the Northern Neck Historical Society was formed with a fee of $3 a year, and all descendants of these fam ilies are invited to join. All of the above women are active in this organization.

2. JOHN DAMERON AND ELIZABETH TAYLOR

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, and his wife Dorothy, who came to Wicomico Parish before 1652.

II. BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON, Will 1708, which gives to his son John half his plantation in Northumberland County and also "One ffeather bed, Rugg & bolster Three cows & calves two Steers of five years old three leather chairs and Low bedstead which stand in R _____ One Low Table, two breeding Sows One Chest which stands in the milk house to be delivered att the death of his Mother & Two thousahd pounds of tobacco when hee comes to the age of one & twenty payable to him from his Brother Christopher."

III. JOHN DAMERON. He appears to have been the youngest son as he is the only one mentioned as not yet 21 in his father's will, 1708. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Taylor. The marriage is listed in the Lancaster County Records between John Dameron of Northumberland, 1728, and Elizabeth Taylor, Thos. Edwards, Security. Her Will is dated 1775 and she married 2d George Flowers. John Dameron's Will 1743 mentions sons, Thomas, Joseph, heir, Bartholomew, John, no daughters. Thos. Edwards was security on the marriage bond of Elizabeth Taylor Sept. 12,1728.

1. Joseph Dameron. His father's Will 1743 says, "I give unto my son Joseph Dameron all that tract or Dividend of Land I now live on which my father Barthol. Dameron gave me to him & the male heirs of his body lawfully begotten for Ever and for want of such heirs male then to my Son Thos. Dameron." He divided equally all the rest of his estate between his widow and four sons "to be delivered to either & to Every One of them as they my sd. sons shall obtain to the age of eighteen years." In case none of the sons had male heirs "then & in that case my will is that my son Joseph Damerons female heirs enjoy the said Land." Joseph married Elizabeth Waddy, dau. of John Waddy and his wife Elizabeth, in Feb. 1757. His Will of 1759 mentions no children but a daughter Nancy not yet eighteen, and there is no mention of his land so it must have reverted to his brothers.

2. Bartholomew. In his mother's will 1775: "I give to my son Bartholomew Dameron all the Land that my Father, Thomas Taylor, gave me lying in Lancaster County to him and his heirs likewise I give my son Bartholomew Dameron two negroes, to Vitz. Josias & Juda, a woman;, and all her increase to him and his heirs." She also leaves to "my grand-daughter Eliza Waddy Dameron negro Girl May and all her Increase to her and her heirs." Bartholomew's Will Nov. 2, 1805, mentions sons Thomas and Bartholomew, son-in-law Elisha Carter--he moved to Bourbon Co.,Ky.

3. John Dameron,whose Will was proved in Halifax County, N.C. 1777 m. Sarah Tignor, or Sukey Tignor.

4. Thomas Dameron, Will 1766, of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland, gives one shilling to sons Moses, Jo., Aron, Lazarus, and to Thomas"all the rest of my estate not before given to him and his heirs for ever." No wife is mentioned. Mrs. Corneliu noted: "There is no division of this estate recorded, and it is doubtful there was a division. I believe this Joseph was the father of John Dameron who married Anna Ladd. I find no further mention of Moses or JosephDameron and it is doubtful they received their part of their father's estate. In Lancaster County 1790 Census there is a Moses and Aaron Dameron. In Caswell County, Yanceyville,County seat, there are Joseph Damerons in the late 1700's tax list. Also a Moses Dameron bought land in Rowan County, N.C. 1767, from William Johnson, Noble Ladd one of the witnesses."

(1) Aron.
(2) Lazarus
(3) Thomas
(4) Moses. A Moses Dameron had a son Onesephrous b. Sept. 4, 1772,by his wife Millicent.

a. THE WILL OF JOHN DAMERON OF NORTHUMBERLAND, 1743

In the name of God Amen I John Dameron of Northumberland County being Sick and weak of Body but of perfect mind and memory praised be God for the same and calling to mind the uncertainty of this Life I do make and ordain this my last will &Testament, Imprimis, I bequeath my soul to God that gave it me in full and certain hopes of pardon of all my Sins through the merits of my dear Lord and blessed Saviour Jesus Christ and my Body to the Earth to be Buried at the discretion of my Exectrs. here after mentioned and for what worldly Goods it hath pleased God to bless me with, vitz. Item I give unto my son Joseph Dameron all that tract or Dividend of Land I now live on which my father Bartho. gave me* to him & the male heirs of mis body lawfully begotten for ever and for want of such heirs male then to my Son Thos. Dameron and the male heirs of his afore sd. forever & for want of such heirs male of my son Thos. then to my son John Dameron and the maleheirs of his body as afore sd. for ever, But & if it should so happen that neither of my three Sons, Joseph, Thomas, & John Dameron have any heirs male then & in that case my will is that my son Joseph Damerons female heirs Enjoy the said Land in the same manner as the male heir and for want of such female to descend to the females in the same manner as before directed to the male heirs afore said, Item, I give unto my son Thos. Dameron one negro woman Hannah & her increase to him & his heirs for ever, Item, I give unto my son Bartholomew three thousand pounds of Tobacco to be paid by my son Joseph Dameron, Item, I give all my negroes & personal Estate of what nature or kind so ever to be equally divided between my loving wife Elizabeth Dameron & my four sons Joseph, John, Thos, and Bartholomew & their heirs for ever to be delivered to either & to Every One of them as they my sd. sons shall obtain to the age of Eighteen years & further my will is that my loving wife Elizabeth Dameron have my negro woman Judy in her part of her part of my negroes & her future increase to her & her heirs for ever, Item, Lastly I appoint Thos. Taylor & my wife Exec. & Exectrix. of this my last will & Testament I do here by confirm this to be my Last Will & Testament In Witness where of I have here unto set my hand & Seal this 18th Day of Decr. Anno Dom. 1742.

JOHN DAMERON (SEALE)

Witness--Josias Gaskins
John Ingram
Christopher Dameron

"July 11, 1743, This will was proved in Northumberland County Court to be the last will and Testament of John Dameron dec'd by the oaths of Josias Gaskins one of the witnesses there to & Thos. Taylor one of the Exects. there in named made oath to the sd. will on whose motion the same is admitted to Record--

Teste.
JAMES FONTAINE Cl. Cur.

(*Note: The above underlined words were interlined in the original will. This was taken from Book 1738-43, p. 255.) The same book p. 265a, on July 11, 1743, has the "Inventory of John Dameron dec'd appraisers Thos. Winter, Henry Miller, John Waddy. Recorded July 12, 1743.

In 1765 Martha Miller willed for "love and affection to my nephew Barth. Dameron, son of my sister Eliz. Flowers."

"In Obedience to an order of Northumberland Court dated the 8th day of April 1745 on the motion of George Flowers & Elizabeth his wife Late widow and Extrx. of John Dameron Dec'd we the subscribers have met and appraised the sd dec'd Estate in Money as follows--

(A list of personal estate is given.)

"11th of May 1745

HENRY MILLER
THOS. WINTER
JOHN WADDY

"George Flowers & Elizabeth Flowers Extrs.

"May 13th, 1745 This Inventory of the Estate of John Dameron Dec'd was exhibited unto Northumberland County Court by George Flowers & Eliza. his wife Exrs. of the sd. Dec'd & on their motion admitted to record."

(Note: This appraisal is found in Book 1743-49, p. 81.)

"In Obedience to the Afore said order of the Northumberland Court the 8th of April 1745 on the motion of George Flowers & Elizabeth his wife Late widow and Extrx. of John Dameron Dec'd we the Subscribers have met & appraised & let a part & possessed the sd Geo. Flowers with his wifes part of the late John Dameron dec'd Estate according to the will & order of Court as follows--

(A List of her part of sd. dec'd Estate.)

"May 11, 1745.

HENRY MILLER
THOS. WINTER
JOHN WADDY.

"May 13, 1745. This Report & Division of the Estate of John Dameron Dec'd was Exhibited unto Northumberland County Court by Henry Miller, Thos. Winter & John Waddy & ordered to be Recorded.

Teste. JAMES FONTAINE Cl. Cur.

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b. THE WILL OF ELIZABETH FLOWERS, WIDOW OF JOHN DAMERON, 1775

"In the Name of God Amen I Elizabeth Flowers of the County of Northumberland being sick and weak of Body but of sound mind and Memory thanks be to God do make this my last will and Testament in manner following, Vitz. I Commit my Soul to God my Creator and my body to the earth its original being fully assured that the sacrafice of Christ is worthy Exp iation for the sins of the faithfull and there fore hope that my Soul and body will have a joyfull meeting att the Resurrection of the Just by the Merits and mediation and Intercession of our Compleate Redeemer the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen--

"I give to my son Bartholomew Dameron all the Land that my Father Thomas Taylor gave me lying in Lancaster County to him and his heirs like wise I give my son Bartholomew Dameron two negroes to vitz. Josias & Juda a woman and all her Increase to him and his heirs and all my moveable Estate, Item, I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Eliza Waddy Dameron my negro girl May and all her Increase to her and her heirs. It is my will that my Estate shall not be appraised.

"In Witness Where of I have here unto sett my hand and Seale the 6th day of March in the Year 1771

her
ELIZABETH X FLOWERS (SEALE)
Mark

"Signed Sealed & Delivered in presence of

"Teste.

George Dameron
Sarah Swain
Betty Gill

"At a Court held for Northumberland County the 9th day of January, 1775, this last will and Testament of Eliza. Flowers was this day Presented in Court by Bartholomew Dameron the Exer. there in named who made cath.there to according to law & being proved by the oaths of Sarah Swain & BettyGill two of the Witnesses there to was admitted to Record and on the motion of the sd. Exer. giving Security Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate there of in due form.

Teste. THOS. JONES CNC

"Note by J.H.C.: "Elizabeth(Taylor)Dameron Flowers was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Taylor, will 1751, Lancaster County, Virginia."

Taken from Book 9, p. 516, March 6, 1771, rec. Jan. 9, 1775.

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c. THE WILL OF THOMAS DAMERON OF WICOMICO PARISH, 1766

"In the name of God Amen 20th day of March in the year of our Lord God 1766, I Thomas Dameron Senr. of Wiccomoco Parish in the County of Northumberland being very sick & weak but in perfect mind and memory thanks be to God I do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following that is to say First and chiefly I give my Soul unto the hands of Almighty God who gave it me and my body I commend to the Earth to be Decently buryed in Christian Buryall at the Discreation of my Executors and Nothing (doubting?) but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God as touching my worldly Estate where with it hath been pleased God to bless me with I give devise bequeath and dispose the same in manner and form following---

"Item I give my son Moses Dameron one Shilling no more.

"Item I give unto my son Jo^v Dameron one Shilling and no more.

"Item I give unto my son Aron Dameron one Shilling and no more.

"Item,Igive my son Lazarus Dameron one Shilling and no more.

"I give unto my son Thomas Dameron all therest of my Estate not before given to him and his heirs for ever. I do appoint my son Thomas Dameron to be my whole and sole Exor. of this my Last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have here unto set my hand & Seale the day and year above written

THO. X DAMERON (SEALE), His Mark.

Test. David Lattimore
William Lattimore
Spencer Hurst

"At a Court Held for Northumberland County the 8th day of December 1766 this Last Will and Testament of Thomas Dameron dec'd was presented in Court by Thomas Dameron the Exor. there in named who made Oath there to acoording to law and being Proved by two of the Witnesses there to Subscribed was Admitted to Record and on the motion of the sd. Execr. Giving Security Certificate is granted him for obtaining a Probate there of in Due Form--

Teste. THOS. JONES Cl. Cur."

(Northumberland County, Virginia, Book 7, p. 3. The following is taken from Book 7, p. 101:)

"Pursuant to an order of Northumberland County Court We the Subscribers being first sworn have met and appraised in Current money the Estate of Thomas Dameron dec'd as followeth.

(Here is half a page of personal property.)

"At a Court Held for Northumberland County the 10th day of August, This Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of Thomas Dameron dec'd was this day returned & by the Court ordered to be recorded.

Teste.
THOS. JONES Cl. Cur.

(Note by J.H.C. "There is no division of this estate recorded, and it is doubtful there was a division. I believe this Joseph was the father of John Dameron who married Anna Ladd. I find no further mention of Moses or Joseph Dameron and it is doubtful they received their part of their father's estate.")

(Note by H.F.S. This son was written in the original record which I saw at Heathsville, Va. "Jo^{v}" and I have often seen John written"Jo". However, Mrs. Cornelius says the clerk used this little "v" sign for "s" in other instances. Hence this would be Joseph not John in this case.)

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Mariam Damron Cropper's notes show "Deed Book 19, Lancaster County, p. 234, 20 Apr. 1780, Richard Condiff and his wife Susannah deed to Bartholomew Dameron of Northumberland County, 206 acres in Lancaster, consideration 4,000 current money of Virginia. On p. 236, 20 Apr. 1780, Bartholomew Dameron and his wife Mary deed to Richard Condiff land in Lancaster County Message (?) plantation, lying in Lancaster County known as Hickory Neck."

In the Public Service Claims, 1776, for the Revolution, I found Bartholomew Dameron of Northumberland, also George Dameron, Northumberland, Com. Bk. IV,115. Onesephrous of Northumberland was also listed.

There is also a Will for Bartholomew Dameron, Sr. son of John, Nov. 2, 1805, mentioning my wife Mary, daughter Elizabeth W. Carter, son-in-law Elisha Carter, grand-daughter Maria Lunsford, my two sons Thomas and Bartholomew; "to Thomas the land whereon he now lives situated in Dameron's Neck, gr-daughter Molley Dameron. Bartholomew received whole estate after death of wife except such land and negroes given before this. Exrs. Capt. Thos. Hurst, David Ball, Jr. & 2 sons.

d. THE WILL OF JOSEPH DAMERON OF NORTHUMBERLAND, 1759

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I Joseph Dameron of Northl'd being in perfect sence and memory praised be to God for the same but calling to mind the uncertainty of this life that is but a blast I do there fore make & ordain this my last will & Testament in manner & form following-- Impr. I give & bequeath my Soul to Almighty God that gave it me in full and certain hopes of pardon and remission for all my sins in and through the merits of my dear Lord & Blessed saviour Jesus Christ and my Body to the Earth to be buried at the discreation of my Executors named & for what worldly goods it hath pleased God to bless me with I give as followeth, Vitz. Item, I give unto my loving wife Elizabeth and my daughter Nancy all the negroes and their Increase that I had by my wife Elizabeth to be Equally divided between my said wife & daughter when my said daughter Nancy arrives to the age of Eighteen years or day or marriage to them and their heirs but in Case my daughter Nancy should depart this life before she arrives to the age of Eighteen years or day of marriage then I give all the said negroes to my said wife Elizabeth & her heirs for ever.

"Item, I give unto my Loving Wife Elizabeth the use of my negro man Isaac During her natural life & after the death of my said wife the sd. negro man Isaac to my daughter Nancy but in Case my Daughter Nancy should die before she arrives to the age of Eighteen years or marriage then I give the said negro Isaac to my brother Thomas Dameron & his heirs for ever. Item, I Give unto my Brother Bartholomew Dameron my part of the negroes that belongs to me out of my father's Estate to him & his heirs and also my Gray horse in lieu of the Tobacco due from me by my father's will to my sd. Brother Bartholomew, Item, I give unto my brother-in-law Thos. Waddy--my-- Saddle & Bridle, Item, I give unto my loving wife Elizabeth and my Daughter Nancy all my Estate not before given to be Equally divided Between them when my said Daughter arrives of age or day of marriage to themand their heirs. Lastly I appoint Thomas Waddy and David Ball Junr. Executors of this my last Will and Testament in Witness where of I have here unto Set my hand & Seal this sixteenth Day of November, 1759.

JOSEPH DAMERON (SS)

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged in presence of
Teste.

David Ball
Thos. Dameron
Rodham Lunsford

"At a Court Held for Northumberland County the 10th day of December 1759 This Last Will and Testament of Joseph Dameron dec'd was this day presented in Court by Thos. Waddy & David Ball Junr. the Exors there in named who made Oath there to According to Law & the same being proved by the oaths of Thos. Dameron & Rodham Lunsford two of the witness there to & was ordered to be recorded and on the Motion of the said Executors a Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate there of in due uform.

Teste.

THOS. JONES CL. CUR.

(Note: Above was taken from Book 5, p. 155, Northumberland Records.)

"In obedience to an order of Northl'd Court the 10th day of December, 1759, We the subscribers did meet at the house of Elizabeth Flowers and did possess Thos. Waddy and David Ball Executors of Joseph Dameron dec'd with his part of his dec'd fathers Estate According to the will of said Dec'd, vitz. to one negro man James of the value L50.00.

"To cash due from his Brother Bartholomew to make up his part of the negroes in Equal value 3.6.8.

"To Personal Estate Amounting to 28.6.16. **1455009**

"Given under our Hands this Eleventh day of Feby. 1760.

GEORGE BALL
THOS. GASKINS
FRANS. TIMBERLAKE

(Note: Above was taken from Book 5, p. 173, Northumberland Records.)

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"DIVISION OF JOHN AND JOSEPH DAMERON ESTATES.

"At a Court Held for Northumberland County 11th day of February, 1760, This report was this day returned & ordered to be Recorded.

Teste. Tho. Jones Cl. Cur.

"In Obedience to an Order of Northl'd County Court dated the 10th day of December, 1759,

"We the Subscribers met at the house of Joseph Dameron dec'd and being first sworn before GeorgeBall Gent. appraised the Estate of the said dec'd as followeth.

(List of personal property follows.)

"Thomas Waddy)
David Ball Jr.) Exors.

GEORGE DAMERON
JOSEPH MOTT
BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON

"At a Court held for Northl'd County the 9th day of June 1760. This Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of Joseph Dameron dec'd was this day returned and Ordered to be recorded.

Teste.

THOS. JONES CL. CUR.

(Note: Above were from Book 5, p. 242, Northumberland County Records.)

(Note by J.H.C.: The estate of John Dameron d. 1743 was not divided until his son Joseph died. I have not found out what became of his land. There is no mention of it in his will--Joseph's. It may be George Flowers got the land. This often happened when the widow married a second time in those days. The above Joseph m. Elizabeth Waddy, Feb. 1757, dau.of John Waddy and his wife, Elizabeth.) Mrs. Pearce says Joseph m. Elizabeth Waddy but as a widow she m. Lewis Lunsford 1765 and they moved to Kentucky.

(1) JOHN DAMERON AND SARAH TIGNOR OF HALIFAX COUNTY, N.C.

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who came to Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, Va. before .

II. BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON, son of Lawrence, Will 1708, names his son John, of Wicomico, who married Elizabeth Taylor, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Taylor, Will 1751, Lancaster County, Va., her second husband being George Flowers.

III. JOHN DAMERON, above mentioned, of Wicomico, Will 1743, who m. Elizabeth Taylor.

IV. JOHN DAMERON, JR., Will dated May 1, 1777, proved August, 1778, Halifax County,N mentioning wife Sarah, Will Book 2, p. 82:

"In the name of God Amen, I JOHN DAMERON of County of Halifax, being sick and weak but of perfect mind and Memory do make and Ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form as followeth, viz:

"Item I give and bequeath to my loving wife Sarah Dameron all my estate during her widowhood or life. Item I give and bequeath to my son Tignor Dameron one shilling sterling to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my son Christo-p her Dameron the Manour plantation whereon I now live to him and his heirs forever and my desire is that if Christopher die without heir of his body then the Land fall to my son John Dameron and if he die without heirs of his body then the Land be divided between my two daughters Sarah and Judith.

"Item. I give to my son Joseph Dameron one shilling sterling to him and his heirs for ever. Item. I give to my daughter Betty Williams one cow and calf to her and her heirs forever..Item my desire is that all my movable Estate except the above mentioned Legacies should be equally divided among my four youngest children, Sarah & Judith, Christopher and John Dameron after my wifes death or marriage and I do appoint my friend Elijah Humphries and Spencer Hurst my Executors to this my last will and Testament disannuling all other.wills by me made as Witness my hand and seal this the 1st day of May AnnoDomini 1777.

JOHN DAMERON (Seal)

Test:

ISAAC HUCK

BENJAMINE CROXTON
JOHN STEPHENS

"Halifax Ss. August, 1778: Then this will was exhibited in Open Court and proved by Benjamine Croxton a witness thereto in due form of Law, whereupon Elijah Humphries qualified as Executor and on Motion Ordered to be recorded.

Test--B. McCulloch, C.Ct."

Children of above John Dameron were:

1. Christopher, heir.
2. Joseph.
3. John.
4. Sarah.
5. Judith
6. Betty m. Williams.
7. Tignor, who sold land in 1791, Halifax Co N.C. He was a Revolutionary soldier.

Let us look at some of the items about the Tignors:

The Northumberland Court Orders show: "Mr. Barthol. Dameron admr. of George Dameron to pay unto Philip Tignor and Sarah his wife late Sarah Dennis dau and sole heir of John Dennis, decd & her est. in the pos. of the sd. Geo. Dameron who marryed sd Sarah's mother & widow of the sd John Dennis." p. 55, 25 Sept. 1699.

"George Dameron, permitted to bring Dennis Tignor, orphan son of Phillip Tignor, to next court for examination." Sept. 1716, 6. 182. (Fleet comments: "Dennis got a little out of hand.") George Dameroh, Phillip Tignor orphan bound to him 16 Jan. 1716-17, 6. 187." Pages 32, 33, Fleet, Northumbria Collecteana.

On 19 March, 1684-5, Wm. Tignor has oath on Will of Rich. Lugg. On 15 Jan. 1678-9, Wm. Tignor is on a bond for Edward Coles.

On 15 Apr. 1702, p. 197 "Motion of Mrs. Anne Tignor exr. Probate to her of the Last Will of her decd husband Mr. Wm. Tignor. Then 18 Feb. 1702-3, p. 66: "Motion of Ann Dawson, late Ann Tignor, exr. of William Tignor decd. & the appr. of his Est."

May 23, 1707, has"Dennis ffallen, adm. of Elizabeth his wife late Elizabeth Tignor vs. Rich. Robinson."

Book I, p. 293, Division of Tignor Estate. "Pursuant to an order of the court Dated the 11th day of March, 1750-1, We the subscribers did meet at the Plantation of Phillip Tignor and did possess Phillip Tignor Guardian to Sukey Tignor Orphan of the aforesaid Phillip Part of her Deceased Fathers Estate as Likewise the Legacies hereafter.

Stephen Haynie
Peter Hayes
Jonathan Betts

"At a Court held for North'd County, the 8th day of April, 1751, This division of the Estate of Phillip Tignor Deceased to Phillip Tignor Guardian to Sukey Tignor orphan of the aforesd Phillip was this day returned & ordered to be recorded."

"Northumberland County, Va. Book II, p. 200, Martha Tignor, abstract of Will Oct. 7, 1750, rec. Jan. 14, 1750-1." Names her daus. Sukey & Sarah Toulson, m. George Toulson, sons James & Phillip.

"Northumberland County, Virginia. Book 6, p. 214, May 12, 1762, rec. May 9, 1763 John Dameron possessed with his wife's part of her father's estate." Note by Mrs. Cornelius: "The above John Dameron m. Sukey Tignor or Sarah Tignor."

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"Halifax County, N.C. Deed Book 8, p. 234, Jan. 14, 1763, rec. Jan. Ct. 1763. John Sulevant of one part to John Dameron of the other part for 10 lbs. Proclamation money deeds tract 100 acres, in Pror. of N.C. in Halifax County, Edgecombe Parish, Beg. head of Watery Branch of Rocky Swamp sd. land grtd. to John Sulevant by pat. dated March 16, 1761. Wit. Elijah Humphries, James Simmons."

Note by Mrs. Cornelius: "There is not a marriage bond here for John Dameron and Sukey or Sarah Tignor due to the loss of so many early records and marriage bonds. The record where John Dameron is possessed with his wife's part of her father's estate does not give her name and the court order the same way, not complete at all."

According to Jennie Harding Cornelius, "John Dameron who married Sarah Tignor, Book 6, p. 214, was possessed with his wife's estate but did not name her. I do not have any positive proof due to the Court order and records not being complete, that is in mentioning John Dameron's wife's name. Martha Tignor, Will 1750-1, the wife of a Phillip Tignor in her will names a daughter Suckey and one Sarah Toulson. This Tignor family had a way of naming two of their children the same name. John Dameron bought land in Halifax County, N.C. 1763 and he is given possession of his wife's estate in 1763. His son, John, is not your ancestor as you can see from these dates...Your book will be a very valuable book to all concerned if you get the correct data with dates and where it came from. The Dameron family were some of the best people here in this country, and there was only one Dameron that had a grant before 1661."

I also wrote to Marybelle Delamar, Box 305, Raleigh, N.C. and she replied that there is no marriage bond for Anna Ladd and John Dameron in North Carolina. She did not search the Tignor line as we had already dropped it.

Mrs. Cornelius wrote also: "I have on my desk St. Stephens Parish Register which is said not to be depended on for accuracy, which I know it cannot be in many cases, but I find this Suckey or Luckey it is in the register, Tignor, was born Oct. 30, 1735, so she was twenty-one years of age 1756. In those days a woman did not take care of her property which remained in the guardian's hands until she married in many cases, and this is what happened in the Tignor fam;ily. She lived with her brother after her mother's death, and I feel sure John Dameron went to North Carolina, found what he wanted in property, came back and married Suckey or Luckey and went down there to live, but I do not think he or she is your ancestor, he naming his oldes t son Joseph."

During the search for John Dameron who married the Tignor, Mrs. Cornelius uncovered some Tignor information. There was a Sarah Tignor, daughter of James who d. 1787 in Craven Coun ty, N.C. and she married King. There was also a William Tignor, who was the son of James Tignor d. 1749, Craven County, N.C. and this "James went from Northumberland County." The above Sarah Tignor married Edward C. King in Craven County, N.C. As to James Tignor d. Craven County, 1749, Mrs. Cornelius says: "I have an abstract of his will. He does not mention a daughter Sarah. It could be he had provided for her, and she had married and left the county." We also searched in Surry County for the marriage bond of Anna Ladd and John Dameron,but did not find it. I wrote to the clerk of Warran County, N.C. but received no reply.

Mrs. Cornelius says the James Tignor d. Craven County, N.C. 1749, "had sons Thomas, William and Toulson," and James whose will she found.

John Dameron above did not inherit land from his father's estate.

NOTES ON THE TIGNORS OF VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA

Nell Elkins Pearce sent me the following from Grimes, p. 377: Craven County, N.C. Will of James Tignor, Nov. 20, 1749, prob. Mch. 20, 1749. Sons: Thomas, William, Toulson (land divided among them); daut. Mary Ann Tygner; wife & Exr. Susannah; Wits. Abner Neals, Edmund Cullen, Daniel Smith. Clerk of court, Phil. Smith. Son Thomas (above ment.) was wit. to will of Thomas Walker, Craven County, N.C. Mch. 19, 1753. James ygnor came from Northumberland to N.C.

VIRGINIA: Philip Tignal, Accomac county, 1782; William, King & Queen, 1782; Jemima Tignor, King William, 1782; Thomas Tignor, Thomas Tignor, King William, 1782. From Virginia Taxes.

From Virginia Census 1782 to 1785: George Tygnor, Northumberland County, also James, James (with 9 in family, this must be the Sr.), Philip.

(Note by H.F.S. In the 1810 Census I found Thomas Tignor in Hanover Co., Va.)

NORTH CAROLINA: 1790 Census: Thomas Tigner, Craven County, William Tigner, Iredell County. Roster of Soldiers of N.C. in the Rev. War: William Tygner, Arthur, Arthur Pearce Tyner, Benjamine, Daniel, Hardy, Nicholas.

TIGNOR WILLS listed in Torrence are: Lancaster 1651, Inv., Northumberland 1702, Martha 1750-1, Philip, 1776, Jas. 1777 inventory.

3. THE BRUNSWICK COUNTY DAMERONS, DESCENDANTS OF SARAH BALL AND CHRISTOPHER DAMERON

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, who came to Virginia before 1652, his wife being named Dorothy. Their children were: Bartholomew, eldest son, George, Thomas, Lawrence, Jr. and Dorothy m. Josias Gaskins and Samuel Mahan.

II. BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON 1645-1708, m. Elizabeth in 1666. Their children were: Bartholomew, Sarah, John of Wicomico Will 1743, Mary, Lawrence, Josiah, Christopher and Eliza. His will in Northumberland County was in 1708.

III. CHRISTOPHER DAMERON, son of above Bartholomew and grandson of the above Lawrence Dameron. He married Sarah Ball, who went to Brunswick County, Virginia, after the death of her husband in 1764 when his will was proved in Northumberland. She was the sixth child of Captain George Ball of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, and his wife Grace Haynie, daughter of Anthony and Sarah (Harris) Haynie. "Sarah (Harris) Haynie married second Francis Waddy. This is the reason some of the family think George Ball married twice, but he married only once. It was Sarah (Harris) Haynie who married twice," as stated by Jennie Harding Cornelius who has cleared up the confusion around this family connection. The will of George Ball 1746 named his "mother-in-law, Sarah Waddy, wife Grace" and "daughter, Sarah Dameron," as well as sons John Ball, David Ball, George Ball, Joseph Ball, Richard Ball. The father of Sarah Ball, who married Christopher Dameron, was a first cousin of Mary Ball who married Augustine Washington and became the mother of General George Washington. The genealogy runs like this:

I. COL. WILLIAM BALL, who came to Virginia about 1650 with the royalists who escaped from Cromwell in the civil war in England. He settled in Lancaster County on the Corotoman River. On July 2, 1638, he married in London Hannah Atherold or Atherall. Their children were:

1. Richard, died in infancy.
2. William b. Jan. 2nd, 1641, in England, d. Sept. 30, 1694. His first wife was named Williamson and his second Harris and in 1675 he married Margaret Downman. He inherited the famous mansion "Millenbeck," and was a Burgess from Lancaster County.

   (1) Capt. George Ball b. cir. 1683, son of above William[2] and grandson of William[1], married Grace Haynie. Their daughter was: Sarah Ball who m. Christopher Dameron.
3. Joseph b. May 25, 1649, d. June, 1711, married, first in 1675 Elizabeth Romney and, second, Mrs. Mary Johnson. Mrs. Johnson had only one child, Mary b. 1707-8, d. Aug. 25, 1789, m. March 6, 1730-1, Augustine Washington, their son being George Washington. Joseph lived at Epping Forest, in Lancaster County, and the house where Mary lived is still standing.

   (2) Mary, mother of George Washington. She was a famous beauty and belle.

4. Hannah Ball b. March 12, 1650, m.July 22, 1670, Captain David Fox. They lived at Monaskon in Lancaster County, Virginia, near Millenbeck.

The above information was taken from Colonel William Ball of Virginia, The Great-Grandfather of Washington, by Earl L.W. Heck, 1928, London. Hayden's Virginia Genealogies also has an account but Hayden made so many mistakes that at present the D.A.R. will not accept his genealogies unsupported. There is a tradition in the Ball family that they are descended from the famous John Ball of Kent d. 1381. The Encyclopedia Britannica says of him: "Ball, John, an English priest who took a prominent part in the peasant revolt in 1381... He gained considerable fame as a preacher by expounding the doctrines of John Wycliffe, but especially by his insistence on the principle of social equality. ... on three occasions he was committed to prison... in 1366 all persons were forbidden tohear him preach.... he was quickly released by the Kentish rebels (1381)... When the Kentish rebels dispersed Ball fled to the midland counties, but was taken prisoner at Coventry and executed in the presence of Richard II, on July 15, 1381."

The estate of Captain George Ball was in Ball's Neck and adjoined that of Lawrence Dameron's desaendants. When I went there in 1952, there was no house on this Ball place but only a high shaft in the middle of the cemetery which says: The Line of Ball of Northumberland County springs from Col. William Ball of Millenbeck, Lancaster County. By his sonCapt. George Ball the family was established here on the place known as Bay View. This place Cresfield is part of the original Bay View and in this burial ground lie the remains of the following: Captain William Ball, born in England June 2, 1641, died in Lancaster County, Va. Sept. 30, 1694, and his wife Harris and his second wife Margaret Downman. Their son Capt. George Ball 1683-1746 and his wife _____ Haynie and his second wife, Grace Waddy. Their son Capt. George Ball _____ 1770, and his wife Ann Taylor of Lancaster County. Their son Capt. David Ball 1735-1811 and his wife Hannah Haynie and others." This is an error that Capt. George had two wives, as already noted.

Fleet's Northumbria Collectanea, 1645-1720, has an item V. 20, p. 125 of the record: "Harris John, Will, 23 Feb. 1709-10,-prob.18 June, 1713, great age. To daughter Sarah Haynie any slave she may choose, refers to her husband Anthony Haynie and their daughter, Grace Ball 'my grand-daughter.' Exors. daughter Grace Haynie and grandson George Ball." The Northumberland County Orders, show that on June 18, 1713 "Last will of Jno. Harris dec'd presented by Sarah Haynie & George Ball, his exors. Proved by Hancock Nickless and Josiah Dameron." Josiah was the brother of Christopher who married Sarah Ball.

The Northumberland County Orders 1678-1713, by L.O. Duvall, also have an item: p. 97. "John Bashford, orph't of Simon Bashford dec'd and Christopher Dameron his Guardian." P. 99, 1712, "John Bashford, orphan of Simon, and Grace his wife, dec'd, age 14, 1708, chose Christopher Dameron Guardian; chose H. Robert Carter, Guardian." Another item from the same reference is p. 71: "19 July, 1704, John Bashford, age 11, and Rebecca Bashford, age 5, orphans of Simon, to serve Bartholomew Dameron, the boy till 21 and the girl till 18." P. 78 had, "Pet. of John Haynie for wife Mary portion of estate of Richard and Thomas Sadler, she being heir, 23 Nov. 1706."

The Will of Christopher Dameron, 1764, Northumberland, does not mention his son Christopher, as he had died in 1762. It mentions wife Sarah, children Bartholomew, eldest, to whom the land is entailed; Elizabeth Coppedge, Sarah Lattimore, John, Joseph, Samuel, Grace and Mary, last three the youngest.

The children of Sarah Ball and Christopher Dameron were:

1. BARTHOLOMEW. His father's will says "all the land I live on is entailed to him and his Uncle Bartho. Dameron dec'd has given him negroes," 1764. He was, therefore, the eldest son, unless Christopher was who died before his father. He married Anne Moorehead, b. about 1732, and their son was Alexander b. about 1765, who married Becky Lightfoot about 1768. The Family Bible Record of W. H. Dameron lists the death of Bartholomew Dameron at 1792. He lived in Brunswick County, Va.

2. CHRISTOPHER, not mentioned in his father's will, as he died earlier, his will being dated May 10, 1762, and proved by oaths of Bartholomew Dameron and Rodham Lunsford. Christopher's will mentions only one child, to whom he gives a negro. This was Joseph.

3. JOHN, who was already married and had received his share of his estate before 1764 when his father's will was made. He married Rachel Palmer of Lancaster County, Va., who died 1796. John died 1782, and his will mentions sons Samuel and John, estate to be divided equally. Rachel's will of 1796 mentions daughters Jemima Webb and Hannah Webb, and brother Lott Palmer. Both were of Lancaster County--John and Rachel Dameron of the wills above mentioned. Rachel was his second wife.

4. JOSEPH, who also went to Brunswick County. He married in 1762 Patience Coppedge.

5. SARAH. She married first,_____ Josias Gaskins and second, Lattimore.

6. ELIZABETH, married John Coppedge. (Note: "Wm. Coppage & Patience, his wife, 20 July, 1710, are mentioned in Northumberland County Orders.)

7. SAMUEL, youngest son. His father's will says: "I give unto my three children Samuel Grace & Mary Dameron all my negroes (not) before given to be equally Divided between them my said Children as they shall attain to age or day of marriage to them and their heirs for ever."

8. GRACE.

9. MARY.

A report from Anne Waller Reddy, genealogist, 1005 East Marshall Street, Richmond, 19, Virginia, says: "From my Revolutionary Files Notes on Dameron: Brunswick County, Va., Bartholomew, Christopher and Samuel Dameron, all living there 1780-81 and head of a house, else they would not have been called on for supplies to keep the army in the field." This is adequate for joining the D.A.R. and Mrs. Lester Weaver and others have joined that organization, furnishing proof of providing Revolutionary supplies. I looked up the Public Service Claims, 1776, of the Revolution and found: Bartholomew Dameron, Court Book, Cert. 1, p. 20, assignee, John Williamson; Christopher Dameron, Brunswick, p. 20, 38, Cert. 1, Com. Book, p. 110; Samuel Dameron, Brunswick, p. 72, Ct. Book. Tyler's Quarterly, v. 6, p. 106, "Persons from Brunswick County (certified) who gave aid to the American Revolution by giving supplies," this list compiled in 1782, includes Bartholomew and Christopher Dameron.

Northumberland records Aug. 11, 1750, show a deed from Stephen Mahanes to Christopher Dameron.

NOTES ON BRUNSWICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

While I was doing research in the State Library in Richmond, Virginia, I searched the Brunswick County marriages up to 1790 and found no Damerons nor Moodys. I checked the microfilm reel of Brunswick Deeds, Book 10, Reel 19, from 1772, also, and the following references.

Barthol. Demaron to John Robert Jones, 1768, V. 9, p. 275, deed for land.

John Damron from Caleb Lindsay & wife, 1769, V. 9, p. 484.

Barth. to Christopher Dameron V. 10, p. 1, 1770.

Christopher Dameron from Barth., V. 10, p. 1.

Barth. Dameron to Wm. Matthews, V. 10, p. 20, 1770.
Barth.Dameron to Geo. Trotter, V. 10, p. 503, 1772

John Damron to Barth. Dameron, V. 11, p. 48, 1773, deed.

Barth. Dameron from John Dameron, V. 11, p. 48, 1773, deed.

Christopher Dameron from James Love and wife V. 11, p. 127.
Christopher Dameron and wife to Barth. Dameron, V. 11, p. 129.

Barth. Dameron from Christopher and wife, V. 11, p. 129.

Christopher Dameron to Slowman Wynne, V. 12, p. 291, 1777.
Christopher Dameron from Elizabeth Littlepage, V. 13, p. 328, 1779.

Barth. Dameron from Thos. Jeffry, etc. V. 13, p. 375.

Samuel Dameron and wife to John Phenix, V. 2, pp. 232, 501, 1780
Samuel Dameron to Matthew Wyne & wife, V. 2, 341, 471, 1784.
Samuel Dameron from Thos. Hightower, V. 2, p. 265, 1784.
Samuel Dameron to Jos. Lyell, V. 14, p. 440, 1788.

Barth.Damron to John Haskins, V. 14, p. 522.
Samuel Dameron to John Lattimore, V. 15, pp. 131, 133, 1791.
Barth Dameron to Wm. Elnore, V. 15, p. 168, 1791.

William Dameron from Wyatt Ellis, Atty. V. 31, p. 557, 1839.
William H. Dameron and wife to R.Hitchcock and wife, 1840, V. 32, p. 154-5.
Elizabeth Dameron from D.J. Johnson v. 32, p. 445, 1842.
William H. Dameron, A.W. Field & Co., V. 33, p. 286, 1843; also deed to William H. Dameron in 1845.
William H. Dameron from A.A. Jackson, 1866.

In the Brunswick County Wills I found:

Alexander Dameron, Book 9, p. 237, year 1823, with inventory.
Blanche Dameron, Book 14, p. 234, year 1845, with inventory
Ezra, Inventory, V. 10, p. 62, 1825.
Joseph H. Will, 1812.
Elizabeth, Will 1875, V. 20, p. 381.
Bartholomew, Will, 1877, V. 20, p. 427.

a. THE WILL OF CHRISTOPHER DAMERON OF NORTHUMBERLAND, 1764

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I CHRISTOPHER DAMERON of the County of Northumberland being in perfect sence and memory of mind Praised be to God but calling to mind the uncertainty of this life that it is but a blast I do there fore make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in Manner and form following, Imprs. I give and bequeath my Soul to Almighty God that gave it me in full and Certain hopes of pardon and remission for all Sins through the merits of my Dear Lord and blessed Saviour Jesus Christ and my body to the Earth to be buried at the Discretion of my Executors here after named & for what worldly goods it hath Pleased God to bless me with I give as followeth, Vitz.--

"Item I give unto my loving Wife Sarah Dameron three negroes Vitz. Jack Nan & M ll & their future increase & she my said wife Sarah to give the negroes Nan and Moll & their future Increase to Such of my children as she shall think proper at her death and the negro Jack after the death of my wife I give to my son Bartholomew Dameron he my son Bartho. Paying the Value of sd. Jack at the time he shall receive him to the rest of my children that I have left my Estate to be divided amongst.

"Item I give unto my son Bartholomew Dameron one negro man Roger & five shillings Currt. money, it is not for anyDisrespect that I have for my son Bartho. but that all the land I live on is Intailed to him and his Uncle Bartho. Dameron dec'd has given him negroes.

"Item I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Copedge One negro Girle named Easter to her and her heirs the rest of her part of my Estate she has already Reaeived when she married John Copedge dec'd.

"Item I give unto my Daughter Sarah Lattimore five shillings Currt. money the rest of her part of my Estate she has already received.when she married Josias Gaskins dec'd.

"Item I give to my son John Dameron five shillings Currt. money the rest of his part of my Estate he received when he married--

"Item I give unto my son Joseph Dameron five shillings Currt. money the rest of his part of my Estate he already received--

"Item I give unto my son Samuel Dameron onenegro named Sorofee & her Increase to him & his heirs for ever--

"Item I give unto my three children Samuel Grace & Mary Dameron all my negroes before given to be equally divided betweenthem my said Children as they shall attain to age or day of marriage to them and their heirs for ever--

"Item I give unto my loving Wife Sarah and my three children Samuel Grace and Mary Dameron all my personal Estate not before given to be Equally divided as they my children shall attain to age or day of marriage.

"Item, My Will and desire is that my Estate be not appraised.

WILL OF CHRISTOPHER DAMERON.

"Item Lastly I appoint Capt George Ball and Capt David Ball & Bartho. Dameron Executors of this my last will & Testament Revoking all formerly made wills by me made As Witness my hand and Seale this 28th day of June 1763.

CHRISTOPHER (X) DAMERON (Seale)

"Signed Sealed & Published to be my Last will in presence of

"Teste:
William Chilton
Rodham Lunsford
Joseph Dameron

(Note: The above was taken from Book 6, p. 337, Northumberland County Records.)

(Note by J.H.C. You will note Bartholomew Dameron, the brother of Christopher, had died but there is not a will or inventory recorded here. The above Christopher Dameron married Sarah Ball. Her father left a will.)

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The Will of George Ball is in Northumberland County Book 1743-49, p. 144a, and an abstract was sent by J.H.C. "Names his Mother-in-law Sarah Waddy, wife Grace, sons John Ball, David Ball, George Ball, Joseph Ball, Richard Ball, daughter Sarah Dameron--gives her a negro woman Arabella and her daughter Franky and their increase.

"Harris Ball
Grace Burn.

"Wife Grace & son George Ball, Executors, Joseph Ball, Cousin Jesse Ball, Witness, John Ball,David Ball, Richard Ball."

(Note by J.H.C. The above George Ball m. Grace Haynie, the daughter of Anthony and Sarah (Harris) Haynie. Sarah (Harris) Haynie m. 2nd Francis Waddy.)

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The Christopher Dameron of Brunswick County, is listed in the DAR Lineage Book by Mrs. Ursel Gray Vasse, b. Randolph Co., Mo. She says he married Sarah _____, furnished supplies for the Army 1772 (?) in Brunswick County, Va. He was b. inVirginia and died in Caswell County, N.C. Bartholomew Dameron, his son, 1775-1847, m. 1798 Rebecca Malone 1781-1851.

The Pensions Declaration of Joseph Dameron of Caswell County, N.C., says he was a private under Capt. Mumford and Col. Downman, 1780, entered the militia from Amelia County, Va., first and later in 1781 joined up from Brunswick County, Va., where his "father lived" who owned the plantation in Amelia which Joseph had managed as overseer. In 1781 he marched to N.C. with Capt. Wm. Harrison and Col. Robt. Mumford, and was at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse and at Rumsour's Mills. George(Ball?) B. Dameron testified for the pension saying he was "too young" to go with Joseph into the army. Joseph Dameron in his paper no. 7129 said he was b. Feb. 2, 1763, Northumberland County, Va., lived in Amelia, then returned to Brunswick, Va. finally moving to Caswell County, N.C.

c. THE WILL OF JOHN DAMERON OF LANCASTER COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 1782

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I JOHN DAMERON of Lancaster County being sick and weak in Body but of sound and perfect sense and memory thanks be to God for it, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, First, I bequeath my Soul to God my creator, my Body to the Earth its original in hopes of this Joyful meeting after the resurrection of the Just through the mediation intersession and merits of my compleat Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Item, I give and Bequeath to my loving wife Rachel Dameron all the estate that I got by her of every kind and sort--

"Item, I give and Bequeath to my two sons Samuel Dameron and John Dameron all the rest of my Estate to be equally divided between them--

"Item, it is my desire that all my Debts due before marriage to my present wife shall be paid out of the Estate that I was formerly possessed of.

"I do here by nominate and appoint my Friend Isaac Hurst and Joseph Gaskins, Exors. of this my last Will and Testament, In Witness where of I have affixed my hand and Seal this 22nd Day of May 1782---

JOHN DAMERON (SEALE)

Signed Sealed & Published in presence of

his
JOHN X PALMER
mark

his
LOTT X PALMER
mark

"At a court held for Lancaster County the 19th day of December, 1782 This Will of John Dameron dec'd was proved by the Witnesses there of and admitted to Record.

Test. THAD. McCARTY CL. CUR.

(Note: Taken from Book 20, p. 244, Lancaster County, Va. This John was the son of Sarah Ball and Christopher Dameron. Rachel was a second wife and the sister of Lott Palmer.)

Mrs. Cornelius reported that the John Jr. mentioned in above will was married to Molly Brown. Lancaster County Marriage Bonds, 1701-1846, show this under date of 25 Sept. 1794, William Brown, Security. Also in Lancaster Thomas Dameron married Sally W. Roberts 16 Jan. 1799, Michael Wilder, Security. The above Molly Brown was "daughter of Eleanor Brown" in the bond. John Jr. died after 1800.

Mrs. Cornelius also reported: "In Northumberland County 1789 there was a John Dameron under age, and in 1771 there was a John Dameron of age."

d. THE WILL OF RACHEL DAMERON, WIFE OF JOHN, LANCASTER COUNTY, 1796

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I RACHEL DAMERON in the county of Lancaster and State of Virginia being in a low state of Health but perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same and considering how frail and uncertain our mortal life is here on earth do make this my last Will and testament in manner and form following Viz.-- First of all I bequeath my soul to Almighty God that gave it me to dispose of at his blessed will and pleasure and my Body to be committed to the ground from whence it came to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my executors hoping of a joyful meeting of soul and body at the resurrection of the just and trusting to the tender mercy of my blessed Lord and Saviour my parden may be sealed in heaven before I go hence and be no more seen and as touching my worldly estate which it hath pleased God to bestow on me, I dispose of as followeth--

"Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Hannah Webb my best bed and furniture also my mare, Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Jemima Webb my small bed and furniture. Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Hannah Webb all the rest of my estate not already mentioned and my Will and desire is that my daughter Hannah Webb and my brother Lott Palmer should be my whole and sole executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do revoke and dis-annul all other former wills or Testaments before this made, Where unto I have set my hand and seal this seventh day of March in the year of our Lord Christ 1794.

her
RACHEL X DAMERON
mark

Witness Test.

"Lott Palmer
Betty Palmer
Dale Palmer

"At a court held for Lancaster County on the 17th day of October, 1796, This Last Will and Testament of Rachel Dameron dec'd was proved by oath of Lott Palmer and Dale Palmer witnesses there to and ordered to be recorded.

Teste.
HENRY TOWLES C.L.C.

(Note: Above will was taken from Book 28, p. 5, Lancaster County, Virginia, Records.)

(Note: This John Dameron who m. Rachel Palmer, mentioned two sonsin his will, John and Samuel. John Dameron in 1769 in Brunswick County, received a deed from Caleb Lindsay & Wife. (V. 9, p.484.) Then in 1773, John Dameron gave a deed to Bartholomew Damerin. (V. 11, p. 48.) This John could have gone to Brunswick with his brothers and decided not to stay, returning to Lancaster or Northumberland.

The Damerons of Brunswick County lived at Smoky Ordinary, a small place near Lawrenceville. Mrs. Lester Weaver told me they were Methodists in her family and one of them founded a church near there, her ancestor William H. Dameron who was a Methodist preacher.

(1) BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON OF SMOKY ORDINARY IN BRUNSWICK

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland, who came to Virginia before 1652, with his wife Dorothy.

II. BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON 1645-1708, of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland. He married Elizabeth in 1666 and his brother Thomas was overseer of his Will,1708.

III. CHRISTOPHER DAMERON, Will 1764, who married Sarah Ball, cousin of Mary Ball Washington, George Washington's mother. She went with her sons to Brunswick County, Virginia. Their children were Christopher, Bartholomew, John, Joseph, Samuel, Elizabeth m. John Coppedge, Sarah m. Josias Gaskins and second, Lattimore; Grace and Mary.

IV. BARTHOLOMEW. In his father's will recorded Jan. 9, 1764, and dated June 28, 1763, we find:"Item, I give unto my son Bartholomew Dameron one negro man Roger & five shillings currt. money, it is not for any Disrespect that I have for my son Bartho. but that all the land I live on is Intailed to him and his Uncle Barthol. Dameron dec'd has given him negroes." This was in Northumberland County.

Bartholomew Dameron deeded land to John Robert Jones in 1768, in Brunswick. (V. 9, p. 275, Brunswick County Deeds.) In 1770 he deeded land to Christopher Dameron (V. 10, p. 1.) Also in 1770 he gave a deed to Wm. Matthews (V. 10, p.20.) In 1772 he gave a deed to Geo. Trotter. (V. 10, p. 503.)

In 1773, John Dameron gave a deed to Bartholomew Dameron. (V. 11, p.48.) Bartholomew also received a deed from Christopher and his wife in the index for Grantees, V. 11, p. 129, same item indexed both places. V. 14, p. 522, has a deed from Bartholomew to John Haskins, also in 1791, Bartholomew Dameron made a deed to Wm. Elnore. (V. 15, p. 168.)

The following genealogy is taken from the "Family Bible Record, published 1854, American Bible Society, N.Y. Past owner Mrs. Mary W. Cleaton, probably owned by her father, W.H. Dameron. Present owner, Miss Mary W. Fleming, 355 Lexington Road, Richmond, Va." This was given to me by Mrs. Lester Weaver, a descendant, 2801 4th Avenue, Richmond, Virginia, wife of a Methodist minister.

Bartholomew Dameron, b. approx. 1730, married Anne Moorhead, b. approx. 1732, in approx. the year 1754. Their son was Alexander. Bartholomew died 1792.

V. ALEXANDER, b. approx. 1765, d. 1823. His will is in Book 9, p. 327, Brunswick County wills, where there is also a will for Blanche Dameron 1845,* in Book 14, p. 234. He m. Becky Lightfoot 9-9-1788, b. approx. 1768. Their son was William Henry Dameron.

VI. WILLIAM HENRY DAMERON, b. April 27, 1809, d. 6-3-1892, m. Julia Mangum 12-14-1836, who was b. 3-1-1812. She d. 2-18-1892.

*Note: Anne Waller Reddy found in Lunenburg County Deeds Book 8; p. 158, Will of Elmira Lightfoot 20 Mar. 1821, leaves to Nancy Barnes my bed and furniture etc.; to Blanchey Dameron one worked counterpane and bed quilt. To Jane Lockett my blue chest, etc. Rec. 19 July, 1821.

The children of William Henry Dameron and Julia Mangum were:

1. George W. Dameron b. 7-30-1838, d. 5-22-1862, single.*

2. Joseph H. Dameron b. 8-4-1840, d. 2d or 3d month, 1912. He m. Maria Short 3-14-1866.

3. Mary Winifred Dameron b. 6-4-1842, d. 1-12-1929, in Richmond, Va. She m. Francis Hicks Cleaton 3-4-1864, who was b. 2-17-1832, Their children were: (He d. 1-22-1912, Richmond, Va.)

(1) Viola Julia Cleaton, b. August 7, 1867, m. Wm. Richard Toone 11-28-1907. He d. 3-4-1919, and was buried in Richmond,Va.

(2) Mary Thomas Cleaton, b. 8-12-1870, d. 4-4-1949, m. James A. Leach, (1891), d. 1-14-1930. Their children were:

i. Mary Elizabeth Leach
ii. Hugh Leach, m. Alice Angel.
iii. James Archibald Leach, Jr., m. Adele Hawkins, 8-15-1925.
iv. Frank Dameron Leach.
v Margaret Augusta Leach m. Sidney Vernon Moore 6-17-1933.
vi. John McIver Leach, m. Balance Taylor, of Jacksonville, Fla.
vii. Alice Lanier Leach.
viii. Julia Mangum Leach.

4. William Thomas Dameron, b. 10-14-1844, d. 11-5-1863, single. "Wm. Thomas Dmeron died 11-5-1863 at Drury Bluff of typhus fever while a soldier in Conf. Army. (W. H. Dameron.) *George W. Dameron died at home of Gen. J.H. Hankins in Surry Co. 5-22-1862 of typhus fever, while a soldier in Conf. Army. (W.H.D.)"

5. John Alexander Dameron b. 12-10-1846, d. 6-8-1918, in Richmond, Va. and is buried at Warrenton, N.C. He m. Tempe B. Williams 6-14-1876.

6. Baby Dameron b. 12-30-1848 (died in infancy.)

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MARTHA HIBERNIA CLEATON AND L. F. FLEMING

VIII. Martha Hibernia Cleaton, b. 7-23-1876, daughter of above Mary Winifred Dameron and Francis Hicks Cleaton, married L.F. Fleming 6-17-1896. Lawrence F. Fleming d. 12-29-1923, in Quitman, Ga., buried in Richmond, Va. Their children were:

1. Mary Winifred Fleming.

2. Hibernia Cleaton Fleming, d. 2-9-1903, an infant.

3. Francis Elizabeth Fleming m. George Ellis Redford, Jr. Their children were: George Ellis Redford, the Third, b. 7-7-1928; Mary Frances Redford, b. 2-22-1933. Their marriage was 8-18-1925.

MARVIN CHILDS CLEATON AND SUSIE CHILDS CLEATON

VIII. Marvin Francis Cleaton, b. 9-4-1878, son of above Mary Winifred Dameron and Francis Hicks Cleaton, m. Mattie Virginia Skeen, 10-24-1907, of Covington, Va.

VIII. Susie Childs Cleaton, b. 9-11-1880, daughter of above Mary Winifred Dameron, m. Rev. Lester Weaver 6-19-1919.

Some addresses of this branch of the Damerons are these:

Walter Dameron, Smoky Ordinary, Brunswick County, Va.
Mr. M.F. Cleaton, 368 Church Avenue, S.W., Roanoke, Va.
Mr. J.A. Leach, Jr., 308 Virginia Avenue, Richmond, Va. (He is President of the Bank in Richmond.)
Mr. J. McIver Leach, Smithfield, Va. (He has family genealogy.)
Miss Mary W. Fleming, 355 Lexington Avenue, Richmond, Va.
Mrs. Lester Weaver, 2801 4th Avenue, Richmond, Va.
Mr. John A. Dameron, Petersburg, Va.
Miss Tempe Dameron, Warrenton, N.C.
J.A. Dameron, Warrenton, N.C.
Mrs. W. H. Dameron, Warrenton, N.C.
Miss Mary Leach, 4112 W. Franklin Street, Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Weaver gave me a little booklet by Lula K. Eubank of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md. called "History of the Northern Neck of Virginia, 1732-1932." This was part of a longer mss. on Northumberland and Lancaster Counties which apparently has never been published.

Mrs. Weaver told me that her family lived at Smoky Ordinary, a tiny place in Brunswick County near Lawrenceville, and that she thinks the land came down from Bartholomew Dameron. The last Dameron there is Walter. Her grandfather had a big farm there with free negroes to work it. She said William H. Dameron was a Methodist preacher near Smoky Ordinary who died 1892. He started the Methodist Church of Christ and Liberty Church grew out of this, which is now a big church with 700 members. Her grandfather gave the land and was pastor. She said her Dameron branch were all Methodists and had been in the past as long as she knew. Mrs. Weaver's husband is a retired Methodist minister who was in Clinton and Turrell, Arkansas, for many years. She showed me her family photographs and they are all good-looking people. She said the Damerons were dark but not small.

Mrs. Weaver has the Deed of Gift from Sarah Dameron, wife of Christopher, who died 1764, the deed being dated Sept. 20, 1767, in Deed Book 9, p. 61, Brunswick County Records. She gave two negroes to her son Joseph Dameron, witnesses Samuel and Christopher Dameron. I believe she said there was a Bartholomew mentioned also, but no John. This was three years after the death of Sarah Ball Dameron's husband. She said there is no will for Bartholomew of Brunswick and they don't know what happened to him. She also said that Elizabeth Coppedge and Sarah Lattimore stayed in Northumberland when the widow and her sons moved to Brunswick. Husting's Court Records, Lawrenceville, Brunswick County, Aug. 4, 1876,has the will of Elizabeth Dameron, in Will Book 20,p. 427, which probably refers to Alexander and two daughters. Court Book 1781, Public Service Claims 1920, Service Brunswick County, 1781, does not have Bartholomew Dameron's name as a Revolutionary soldier but he performed service by supplying the army. She joined the DAR on his record and is much interested in the DAR. She once tried to find another DAR member, Pensacola Damron Million (Mrs. Guy Million) at the Frederick Hotel, Booneville, Mo. but had no answer, and believes she is no longer alive. Mrs. Weaver said only two sons of William H. Dameron lived, one being John A. Dameron of Petersburg, Va. She said there are several Johns in her line of Damerons.

THE BRUNSWICK DAMERONS IN NORTH CAROLINA

I spent the Christmas holidays in 1952 in Charleston, S.C., and on the way back I stopped off in Warrenton, Warren County, to look for the Moody genealogies, as three sisters of Dr. Thomas Moody moved here, married to Edmund and William Newell and Samuel Davis, also Elizabeth Williams and her father Thomas Moody who d. 1819 in Warren County. There I found Miss Tempe Dameron and her sister, who lived in a big, old house, one of whom had been a missionary in Korea. They are also Methodists. They had a picture of their ancestor William Henry Dameron and he was a very handsome man. She said her father and brothers were all tall, dark and handsome. Both these Damron sisters were quite small and dark, with brown eyes and hair. Neither is married. Their family had come to Warrenton from Brunswick County, Va. John Alexander Dameron, son of William Henry Dameron and Julia Mangum, of Brunswick, was the first in Warrenton--their father. They showed me their family papers, kept loose in the family Bible, and I copied down some notes:

I. Alexander Dameron m. Elizabeth Lightfoot, and their children were:

1. William Henry Dameron m. Julia Mangum. His son was John Alexander Dameron, who came to Warrenton, N.C.

2. James, married and moved to Mississippi, andwas lost to the family.

3. Mary, m. Johnson.

4. Betsy, never married.

5. Angelina, m. Browder, had one daughter who m. Ben Jones.

6. Martha, m. Mr. Short.

(Mrs. Weaver said there was also a daughter Blanche, d. unmarried.)

I also understood the Warrenton records to say that Sally Ann Dameron married Wm. Justice, sister of the two brothers who died in the Civil War. The Dameron sisters told me they were related to William Williams of Wales who came to Edenton, N.C. in 1695. His son Samuel m. Elizabeth d. of John Austin and Mary Clark of Edenton. Solomon Williams was their ancestor, and Tempie Williams m. John Alexander Dameron. Their genealogy said that Joseph Dameron of Brunswick was their ancestor. There was nothing in the Warrenton library on Damerons or Moodys. They have formeda new historical Society there recently.

Mrs. Weaver said she had heard from Barker Dameron, Greensboro, N.C. but did not have his genealogy. Tempe Dameron said they had heard from E.S.W. Dameron, Burlington, N.C., who was looking for his genealogy, but they did not know him. Mrs. Weaver also had a Philip as one of the children of Bartholomew, Will 1708. I never heard of him before.

THE BRUNSWICK DAMERONS IN NORTH CAROLINA

I will deal with the Brunswick Damerons who moved to North Carolina in more detail in another section, on Caswell County, N.C.

The 1820 Census for Lincoln County, N.C. shows G. Dameron and J. Dameron. James Damarell was in Chowan Co., 1792, and 1704, d. Rachel, w. Lucy. Moses Dameron was in Rowan County 1753, also in Surry, etc. These, however, belong to various branches.

The Brunswick County Damerons went to Caswell County, N.C. There we find Joseph, the Revolutionary soldier, whose pension declaration says his father was living in Brunswick when he enlisted in the army the second time. He says he was born in Northumberland County, Va., Feb. 2, 1763. I have already noted the Christopher Dameron who went from Brunswick to Caswell County.

Among the Caswell County, N.C. Marriage Register items, we find:

Alexander M. Dameron to Martha P. Dameron, 1821.
Bartholomew Dameron to Rebecca Malone 27 Aug. 1798,
Christopher Dameron to Sally Ware 1815
John Dameron to Nancy Love 1828
Joseph Dameron to Mary Burton, 2 Apr. 1790
Samuel Dameron to Sally Holcomb 10 Jan. 1799
Williamson Dameron to Polly Evans, 1813, George B. Dameron, bondsman

Now the DAR records are either confused or else there are two Joseph Damerons, one in the Army and one in the Navy. In the Lineage Book of the American Revolution, we find V. 136, p. 139, Mrs. Naomi Walton Barnes, wife of P. M. Barnes, she being born Armstrong, Mo. (Her number is 135451, book dated 1934). "Joseph Dameron m. 1780 Sarah Ball. Joseph Dameron 1763-1834, served as a private in the Virginia Navy 1779-80 from Northumberland County, where he was born. He died in Caswell County, N.C." The genealogy given is this: The son George Ball Dameron 1780-1848 m. 1799 Mary Moore (1781-1870), parents of William . William Moore Dameron 1799-1839 m. 1819 Eliza L. Dameron 1800-72. Robert Smith 1810-90 m. Jane Dameron 1822-83. J.S. Preston 1843-1916 m. Sarah A. Smith. Robert S. Walton b. 1870 m. in 1892 Cassie Preston b. 1871.

Mrs. Florence Dameron Craven, 131557, b. Laurence Co., Mo., wife of Clyde H. Craven, also gives this lineage: Joseph Dameron m. Sarah Ball. George Ball 1780-1848 m. 1799 Mary Moore, 1781-1870. William Moore Dameron 1799-1839, m. 1817 Eliza Ingraham. John Haywood Dameron 1826-50, m. Julia Melton 1820-88. John Haywood Dameron Jr. b. 1850 m. 1873 Estelle Slaughter b. 1855.

Mrs. Pensa Cola Dameron Million b. Randolph Co., Mo. wife of Guy Collins Million, gave her lineage as Christopher Dameron m. Sarah _____; Bartholomew Dameron 1775-1847, m. in 1798 Rebecca Dameron, 1781-1851.

Julia Smiley Galbraith Brook b. Neosho, Mo., wife of Reginald Brook, gave her lineage as: Joseph Damron served as a private in the Virginia Navy 1779-80, from Northumberland County, Va. where he was born. Died Caswell Co., N.C. Joseph Dameron m. Sarah Ball, 1780. George Ball Dameron 1780-1848 m. Mary Moore.

CHART SHOWING THE DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS DAMERON OF KENTUCKY

LAWRENCE DAMERON, Will 1660, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VA. m. DOROTHY, d. 1692, children: BARTHOLOMEW, eldest, GEORGE, THOMAS, SAMUEL, LAWRENCE, DOROTHY

BARTHOLOMEW, Will 1708, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Christopher Garlington(?), 1650-1728, children: BARTHOLOMEW Will 1735, CHRISTOPHER, LAWRENCE, of St. Stephens', JOSIAH, of St. Stephens, ELIZA, MARY, SARAH, JOHN, youngest. Christopher Will 1764 m. Sarah Ball, who moved to Brunswick with sons, including Bartholomew, in Brunswick by 1768, d. 1792, m. Anne Moorehead, dau. of Alexander, and they had son Alexander 1765.

JOHN, Will 1743, Wicomico Parish, Northumberland, m. 1728, Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Taylor, her will 1775; she m. 2d George Flowers. Children:

- JOHN m. Sarah or Sukey Tignor; d. Halifax, N.C.1777
- JOSEPH, Will 1759 m. Elizabeth Waddy
  - Nancy
- THOMAS, Will 1766, of Wicomico
  - JO. LAZARUS MOSES THOMAS ARON
- BARTHOLOMEW, Will pr. 1807 m. Mary, prob. Waddy
  - ELIZABETH W. m. by 1807 Rev. Lewis Lunsford; m. 2d in Bourbon Co. Ky., cousin Elisha Carter, moved to Missouri
    - MARIA LUNSFORD m. Abraham Irwin, moved to Prebble Co., Ohio

THOMAS, JR. of Dameron's Neck, Northumberland Co., Va. Wicomico Parish, d. 1826, m. Apr. 10, 1797, Nancy Ann, dau. of Thos. Ball and Mildred Downman; moved to Ky. 1810. She d. Campbell Co. Ky Oct. 8, 1827; he in Campbell Feb. 8, 1826. Children:

- MARY WADDY, b.Feb. 13,1798, d. Aug.1880, m. 19 Apr.1821, Maj. Wm. Cormack
- JOHN THENT, b. 1800-Jan.10, d. unm. 1829, 19 Apr.
- EDWARD PORTEOUS, b. Aug.10,1802, d.Apr. 1862, m.June 21, 1831, Maria Gregg Kennedy, dau.James and Elizabeth Warren Kennedy, at her home Casselis, Menton,Ky. 1807-1865
  - ELIZABETH K. m. Wm. Hunton Thomas, She 1832-1884
  - AGUSTA ANN, 1834-1851
  - AGUSTUS SAMUEL m. Margaret Hall. He was M.D. 1834-1890
  - JAMES THOMAS, 1837-1914, m. Addie Murman
  - EDWARD PORTEOUS, 1839-1844
  - WILLIAM KENNEDY, D.D. 1841-19___.
  - EDWARD PORTEOUS, D.D. m. Ida Carter
  - LALLAS BROUGH
  - ROBERT ALLEN m. Martha Louise Park. He was M.D. 1847-1889
- THOMAS, Elder, b.1804, Oct. 20, d.1804, Nov.29
- THOMAS BALL, b.1805, Nov.10, d.1820, Apr.1
- JOSEPH BALL, b. Oct.7, 1808 m. Frances Herndon, 1810-1849, m. 2d Sally Selby Barker
  - Lee, 1856-1922, moved to Mo.
- LOUISA ANN b. Apr.26, 1811, m.1828, Walter G. Carter, moved to Mo.
  - Gertrude m.Oles.
- BARTHOLOMEW, of Crane's Neck, Northumberland Co., heir

Also 9. GEORGE BALL, 1849-1850

MARY MACHIS, 1851-1879 m. Edward Lape

(Note: see Appendices for notes of Louise H. Dameron,1839 South Orange Ave., Sarasota, Fla.)

THE THOMAS DAMERON FAMILY OF KENTUCKY

Miss Louise H. Dameron sent me her Dameron records, of 1839 South Orange Avenue, Sarasota, Florida and wrote: "Some years ago I wrote Mrs. Keach and questioned a statement in one of her articles. I did not understand about the two Thomas Jr. and Thomas Sr. My letter to her resulted in my sending my records to her and she corrected them for me. Mrs. Keach was a Dameron descendant. She had some extra copies of old wills, supposedly 'lost', a genealogist who was helping her found them, I believe,in an old book which was partly destroyed. Mrs. Keach had several articles in Tyler's Magazine. The references I have are Vol. 4, pages 54,58 and 117,122; then Vol. VIII, pages 42 through 52, and William and Mary V. II, 1902-03. I have an address given me by Mrs. M.C. Johnson of Clearwater, Florida, Mrs. John Dameron, Warrenton, N.C..." In this genealogy Mrs. Keach had given the father of Thomas of Kentucky as Bartholomew of the Will proved 1807, dated Nov. 2, 1805, which is correct, but she had listed Christopher Will 1783 as father, whereas the father was his brother John, as shown on the accompanying chart. The Brunswick records were unknown to them, apparently, and when I pointed these out to Louise Dameron she agreed that her ancestry was through John Dameron and Elizabeth Taylor, saying, "Am afraid I just accepted Mrs. Keach's record as I had no way to check the original ones and I knew that she had. I knew of the Ball connection from some older members of the family but, of course, that is still there--Thomas Ball, father of Ann, who married Thomas Dameron, was the son of George and Ana Taylor Ball, George a brother of Sarah Ball Dameron. (I wonder if my John Thent Dameron is not an abbreviation of Therriatt.) Elizabeth Taylor Dameron's son Bartholomew is most certainly our Bartholomew... Last fall I destroyed so many records that had no direct bearing on my family, notebooks full of notes I had taken at various times. Have a number of records for Downman-Travers-Jennings-Corbin-Porteous-Heath, etc.etc. You are more than welcome to them but am afraid you would have to have several volumes if you attempt the Dameron connections. I did have some Dupuy records. I seem to feel that they were in the Chappell genealogy... The present Queen Elizabeth is one of the descendants of Edward and Robert Porteous of Virginia--all Scotch... an article was published in a Cincinnati paper, of which I have a partial copy from Helen Lindsay, who left all her papers to the Historical Society, Covington, Ky."

I will note down a few points in her genealogy which may not be in that already given:

I. Lawrence,[1] in Va. 1652, wife Dorothy died 1691-2. Children: Bartholomew, George, married Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis; Thomas, married Sarah Bledsoe; Lawrence married Jane _____; Dorothy, m. 1st Josiah Gaskins (I believe that should be Gascoigne), m. II before March 17, 1726, Samuel Mahan.

II. Bartholomew[2] b. in England 1645, will dated Aug. 1, 1708, proved Mar. 22, 1710, m. c. 1766 Elizabeth, d. of Christopher Garlington b. 1650, d. Nov. 20, 1728. (She had Bartholomew Will 1735 married to Anne Moreland.)

III. John,[3] minor in 1708; bond Sept. 12, 1728; m. before 1728 (Wm. & M. V. 12,) Elizabeth Taylor.

IV. Bartholomew[4], will dated Nov. 2, 1805, married Mary (Waddy?) All our records seem to point to Waddy as her name but we have found no positive proof. I think she was the youngest child of John and Elizabeth Dameron Waddy, no proof. Children: Elizabeth W., probably named for her grandmother Elizabeth Waddy, m. before 1807, Rev. Lewis Lunsford, 2d. Elisha Carter, her cousin; Thomas Jr. of Dameron's Neck (his cousin Thomas, son of George, was called Sr.) m. Apr. 20,1797, by Rev. John Howe, Methodist minister, Nancy Ann, d. of Thomas Ball and Mildred Downman; they moved to Kentucky in 1810. Bartholomew of Crane's Neck, Northumberland.

V. Thomas, Jr., who moved to Kentucky 1810, Bourbon County, was born in Virginia, died in Campbell Co., Ky. Feb. 8, 1826. He m. Nancy Ann Ball, Thursday, Apr. 20, 1797, David Ball, Jr. bond. She died Oct. 8, 1827, Campbell County, Ky. Children: (I believe this Thomas was an M.D. also. Some of the family told me.)

1. Mary Waddy Dameron, 'Molly' of her grandfather's will b. Feb. 13, 1798, Aug. 1880, m. 19 Apr. 1821, Major William Carmack, ch. Jacob, William, Nancy.
2. John Thent Dameron 1800-1829. He was b. Jan. 20, 1800, d. Nov. 19,1829,unm.
3. Edward Porteous b. Aug. 10, 1802, d. Apr. 1862, in Kentucky.
4. Thomas, inf.,the elder, Oct. 20, 1804; Nov. 29, 1804.
5. Thomas Ball, Nov. 10, 1805, April 1, 1820.
6. Joseph Ball, b. Oct. 7, 1808, m. I Frances Herndon, 1810-1849; II Sally Selby Barker; son Lee Dameron, 1856-1922, moved to Missouri; Gertrude Dameron m. _____ Oles.
7. Louisa Ann b. Apr. 26, 1811, m. Sept. 16, 1828, her cousin Walter G. Carter. They moved to Missouri.

VI. Edward Porteous Dameron, M.D. b. Aug. 10, 1802, in Virginia, d. 1862 in Kentucky, m. June 21, at her home, Casselis, Mentor, Ky., in 1831, Maria Gregg Kennedy, d. of James and Elizabeth Warren Kennedy, 1807-1865. Their children:

1. Elizabeth Kennedy, 1832-1884.
2. Agusta Ann 1834-1890.
3. Agustus Samuel, m. Margaret Hall,
4. James Thomas 1837-1914, m. Addie Murman.
5. Edward Porteous,1839-1844.
6. William Kennedy,D.D. 1841-19___.
7. Lallas Brough.
8. Edward Porteous,D.D. 1844-19__, m. Ida Carter.
9. Robert Allen, M.D. 1847-1889, m. Martha Louise Park.
10. George Ball, 1849-1850.
11. Mary Machis 1851-1879 m. Edward Lape.

DAMERON-BALL GENEALOGY

33. Capt. Geo. Ball (Wm^{26},Wm^{25}, $Wm.^{24}$, $John^{10}$, $John^{5}$, $Wm.^{3}$, $Robert^{2}$, $Wm.^{1}$), of Wicomico, Northumberland County, Va. b. 1683, d. 1746, will dated Apr. 14,1746, pro. June 9, 1746, m. c. 1714 Grace Haynie, dau. of Anthony and Sarah Harris Haynie. Capt. Geo. Ball was captain of militia, represented Northumberland in the Assemblies 1723-26; 1727-34; 1734-40 (Va. Bio. V. 1.). Their children were: 53 John, will 4-8-1750, pro. 1751, named wife Margaret, father Capt. Geo., bro. David, Richard and Joseph; child Sarah chose Joseph as her guardian. 54. David, died single. 55. Capt. George Ball. 56. Joseph d. 1799, m. Hannah Haynie, d. of Capt. William and Jane Waddy Haynie. (Va. Mag. 21, 321.) 57.Richard d. 1784. 58. Sarah Ball m. before 1731 (father's will) Christopher Dameron, w. 1764 (Va. Mag. 21, 326). 59 Harris Downman. 60. Grace Ball b. Feb. 10, 1716; Jan. 23, 1761, m. I _____ Burns (called Grace Burns in father's will), Dec. 23, 1746, m. II Traverse Downman, bro. of Robert who was the father of Mildred Downman who married Thomas Ball. Traverse Downman m. II Dec. 20, 1764 Ann (Heath) Connway (Wm. and Mary, V. 12,99.)

55. Capt. George Ball, Jr. of Northumberland Co., Va. b. ____ d. 1770, will dated June 29, 1770, pr. Oct. 8, 1770, Northumberland Co., Va. m. June 14, 1736, Lancaster Co., Va. Ana Taylor, daughter of Elizabeth and Thomas Taylor, will 1717. Married with mother's consent, Therriatt Taylor, witness, Thomas Edwards, bond. Their children: 61. Capt. David Ball, 1735-1811, Will Northumberland Co. (Book 18, 116), m. circa 1760, Hannah Haynie. 62. Thomas Ball, circa 1737, m. at Warsaw, Richmond Co., Va. 3 Apr. 1766, Mildred Downman, d. of Robert and Elizabeth Porteous Downman. 63 Sarah Ball. 64. Martha Ball. Capt. Geo. Ball, Jr. was Justice, member of the Parliament 1753, Sheriff July 1757, with David Ball as deputy, Vestryman of Wicomico 1770, House of Burgesses 1769. His will has Mary Taylor Ball named.

THE COPPAGE-COPPEDGE FAMILY

The following letter was received from A. Maxim Coppage, 407 Mathews, Columbia, Missouri, where he was graduating from the University June 7, dated May 11, 1953:

"My summer address will be: 7425 Roe, Prairie Village, Kansas, Care John W. Foster, my brother-in-law. This fall, I expect to live at 10 West Bellefonte, Alexandria, Virginia. Would you like to have what little Foster data that my sister' husband may have? His father was Noble Foster and his mother was Nellie Metcalf; I believe his parents (grandparents) are still living at Laclede, Linn County, Missouri, but think the family were originally from Charitan or Howard County, Missouri, by way of Kentucky. John W. "Dub" Foster was a veteran of WW II and lost his right arm in the war. He married my sister, Mattie Elaine Coppage, daughter of Arthur M. and Pearl Gladys 'Stephens' Coppage. They have two children, Gary Donald Foster and Deborah Elaine Foster. Now, as to the Dameron family, I've a great deal of information and data on them but have never intended to publish it and you are welcome to the facts that I have. I am of the opinion that we should have a Dameron, Ball and Coppedge book but the latter family wants a book of their own and my cousin and I intend that they shall some time. You probably have much of the data that I have and you may have contacted the following people in that family.a

"It seems that Mrs. Keach had done some original research for Dr. Dameron of Florida. She had found early Dameron wills that were supposed to have been lost or destroyed. She, hereself,was a Dameron descendant. Many of the Ball family are criss-crossed with the Dameron line. At least two of the Damerons married into the Coppage (Coppedge) family. Dr. Manahan and I are authorities on this family and many of the N.N. I see that you also belong to it. My Dameron descent goes like this:

1. Lawrence Dameron m. Dorothy and had five children: Bartholomew, George m. widow of John Dennis; Thomas m. Sarah, dau. of George Bledsoe;Lawrence, Jr. m. Jane _____; and Dorothy m. 1st Josiah Gaskins and 2nd to Sam Mahon?

2. Bartholomew Dameron m. Elizabeth, daughter of Christopher Garlington. They were the parents of 8 children: Bartholomew Jr. w. 1755; John, a minor in 1708 m. Elizabeth Taylor; Christopher;(see) Lawrence; Josiah; Mary; Elizabeth m. John Waddy and Sarah.

3. Christopher Dameron m. Sarah, daughter of Capt. George and Grace "Haynie" Ball. She made her will in Brunswick County, Virginia, in 1764. Their children: Bartholomew m. Mary Waddy? Elizabeth (see), Sarah m. Lattimore? John, Joseph, Sam., Grace and Mary.

4. Elizabeth Dameron m. 1st to John Coppedge Jr., son of John Coppedge, Sr. and his wife, Elizabeth 'Basye' Coppedge. She was a daughter of Edmund Basye (see Basye family history by Otto.) Jno. Coppedge, Sr. was a son of William Coppedge d. 1700 and who came to Northumberland in 1652. John Coppedge, Jr. d. in 1763, andleft four children: William Coppedge, John Coppedge III, Sally Coppedge and Elizabeth Coppedge, who married John Lee Wright. (She was the ancestress of the Browning who wrote the article in W. & Mary about Ball , Coppage and Dameron and many other genealogies.) Elizabeth Dameron Coppedge married 2ndly to Isaac Coppedge, son of Charles and gs. of William of 1652. They are thought to have had the following

children: Charles Coppedge, Lucy 'Coppedge' Kerns; Nancy Coppedge and Rhodom Doppedge, all of Scott County, Ky. Isaac made his will there in 1807. Later on a gs. of Isaac married a gd. of John. They were 1st cousins on the Dameron side and about 3rd on the Coppedge side so I would say that is pretty close.

5. William Coppedge. He married at least four times andsome say five and had some eighteen children. One wife was a Whitledge, another unknown, one a Railey and the last was Mary Tippett. He died in Fauquier County, Virginia, about 1806. (I can give you all his children and dates if you wish.)

6. Peyton Coppage, a son of Wm. by his last wife, Mary Tippett, married Jane, daughter of Eliphalet and Mildred 'Barlow' Barlow in Harrison County, Ky. in 1821. They had: John, James, Alfred, Elizabeth, Mary & William Edgar Coppge.

7. William Edgar Coppage b. Harrison Co., Ky. Feb. 21, 1839, m. Pernita Ann Martin, dau. of Wm. They had: Charles Orsen Coppage, Frank Leroy Coppage, Arthur Martin Coppgge,Mollie Coppage Roberts, Mina Coppage Williams, William Egbert Coppage, Adda Belle d. Ft. Madison, Ia. 1926, and Laura May.

8. Charles Orsen Coppage b. Mt. Sterling, Ia. 1 Aug. 8, 1867, m. Mattie, youngest daughter of William and his 2nd wife, Sophia "Spriggs" Stephenson. Their children: Arthur Melvin, Percy Eugene, Clifford, Keith Forrest, Rex Olaf, Victor Norman, Cynthia Helena, Wanda, Evelyn Lavonne.

9. Arthur Melvin Coppage b. Nov. 21, 1892, Carroll County, Missouri, m. Pearl Gladys Stephens, daughter of William Joseph and Lois Alwilda 'Palmer' Stephens on June 21, 1914. By this union there were four children: Arthur Maxim (see), Lois Dean m. Dale Logan, had three children, Sandra Kay, Mary Beth and David, 1 Apt. 9-A, Blue Valley, Kansas City, Mo.; Mattie Elaine (see Foster at 1st of this letter), Donald K. Coppage at home. After the death of my mother, father married Mrs. Lucy Hannivan, nee Dennis, no children. They live in Hale, Missouri.

10. Arthur Maxim Coppage b. June 18, 1915, Ft. Madison, Iowa, WW II, educated U. of Maryland and U. of Missouri; B.S. degree in Ed. I married Peggy Joyce Moore, daughter of Trueman and Mary 'Barker' Moore, on August 24th, 1952. We are expecting a child this Aug."

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I also received a letter from John E. Manahan, scribe, Death Family Circle, Descendants of Honour Death of St. George's Parish, Baltimore, Maryland, his address being Radford College, Radford, Va. He wrote May 26, 1953, and said: "Your fine letter caught me in the act of flying to the Queen's Coronation. My address until June 8 will be care of Mrs. Patricia Fryer, 49 Sloane Gardens, London, S.W. 1, England. I wish I could have seen your material on the Suffolk Damerons before going to England; it might have saved me time. However, I cannot do research on everyone.

"I think I am a Dameron. I believe that Judith Dameron Howson was not daughter of George Jr. and that JudithDameron, daughter of George Jr. and Margaret Taylor, married Charles Coppedge, Jr. (d. 1786), and that from them I descend. Capt. Argyle Taylor left a bequest to little Judith Coppedge, daughter of Charles, and his (Argyle's) great niece as I surmise. My ancestor John Coppage testified that DorcasTaylor, wife of James, was formerly Dorcas Waters. Taylors and Coppedges were inter-connected through Basyes and three Coppedges married

Basys (one a Basye daughter named Scott.) I think Lazarus Coppedge was named for either Lazarus Sutton or Lazarus Dameron. My home county is Albemarle and I have done quite a bit of research there on Lazarus Dameron, whose family relationships are just as you have said. I think your Capt. John Damron is clearly grandson to Lazarus. A John Dameron is mentioned in the Albemarle Records. You see Taylors and Vezeys were so intermarried that Dameron relatives were fairly closely related with descendants of John and Mary Vezey. I think John Coppedge knew the James Taylors because his grandmother Margaret Taylor was a double first cousin to James Taylor. John Coppedge's son, my great-great-great grandfather married a great-great niece of Doreas Waters Taylor. It is all very confusing, butso interesting.

"Maxim Coppage is a descendant of John and Elizabeth Dameron Coppedge. I feel sure that Bartholomew Dameron's wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Christopher Garlington (descended out of Yorkshire from the Girlingtons of Normandy, from whom I descend on my father's side."

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An earlier letter dated Oct. 26, 1952, was sent to Mrs. E. R. Walker of Hoquiam, Washington, by Dr. John E. Manahan, on the stationary of the Coppage Family Association, 304th anniversay, 1648-1952, President, Mrs. J.E. Brickert, 10 W. Belefonte, Alexandria, Virginia; 1st Vice President, Emory Coppedge, Knoxville, Tenn., The Park Hotel; 2nd Vice President Cecil Coppedge, Etlan, Virginia; Treasurer Jack Griffey, Adams, Tenn., Secretary, Mrs. Minnie Coppedge Johnston, 5510 Center Street, Chevy Chase, Md. The "Editors and Historians" were: A. Maxim Coppage and Dr. John E. Manahan. Dr. Manahan wrote:

"These Damerons are one of my chief interests, and I have a pedigree worked up of the early Damerons, as doubtless you do also. No doubt you have noted that your John Dmron was born January 12, 1757, in Northumberland County. Since he was born after 1749, the year in which Lazarus and Richard both died in my home county of Albemarle, he couldnot have been son of either. Usually it is logical to assume that when a man moves West his sons go with him. Hence, none of the childre of Lazarus or Richard are likely to have been in Northumberland at the time of your John's birth. However, Noble Ladd's name on the will of Richard Dameron definitely connects your line with the Albemarle branch. In my judgment your John was the 4th child of Christopher Dameron of Northumberland who died in 1764 and his wife, Sarah Ball, dau. of Capt. George Ball and Grace Haynie, daughter of Anthony Haynie, and Sarah Harris, dau. of Major John Harris and Grace; Anthony Haynie, son of Capt. John Haynie and Miss Morris dau. of Nicholas and Martha Morris; Capt. Geo. Ball was son of Capt. Wm. Ball and Margaret Williamson dau. Mrs. James Williamson and Mary Underwood, dau. Col. Wm. Underwood; Capt. Wm. Ball, son of Col. Wm. Ball and Hannah Atherold. Christopher Dameron was son of Bartholomew Dameron (1645-1708) married 1666 Elizabeth Garlington b. 1650 dau. Christopher Garlington; Bartholomew Dameron, son of Mr. Lawrence Dameron of Guarding Point and his wife Dorothy.

"The children of your John would then be: Joseph, named for Joseph Ball and Joseph Dameron, John's next brother; Solomon, named for the Ewell connection through Balls, Betsy named for John's sister, Betsy Dameron Coppedge, Judith, William, named for the Balls, John, named for Christopher's brother, John; George, named for Capt. Ball, his great-grandfather; Noble Ladd named for John's wife's people; Moses, possibly named for Moses Ball; Constantine Ladd, named for the Ladds. This John would have been born about 1757, and assuredly in Northumberland. The Albemarle side of the Damerons come from George (son of Lawrence) who married the widow Eliz. of John Dennis. I think Lazarus was not your ancestor."

I received another letter from Maxim Coppage dated May 24, 1953, in which he sent the following information: "Our family has always known of our Ball-Dameron connection. My great grandfather Coppage lived until I was about fifteen years old. The name Bartholomew Coppage exists in at least one branch of the Coppage family even today. I've talked to Mrs. Alfred Dupont at the Northern Neck meetings and she knew of the Coppedge connection, too. Not only did Christopher Dameron marry Sarah Ball, daughter of Capt. George Ball, but there were other cross connections, too. The daughter, Elizabeth, married my ancestor, Jno. Doppedge, and 2nd Isaac Coppedge. The daughter Grace or Harris Downman, I forget offhand, had a daughter who married another John Coppage, cousin of my Jno., so that my cousin, Jack Manahan and I are both Coppedge descendants but are descended from two daughters of Capt. Geo. Ball, I from Elizabeth and he from the one that married Downman. Oh, yes, he is from Harris, who md. Travers Downman.

"Grace Ball, will, Brunswick County, Va. 1751, ch. George Ball (to Mrs. Dupont); Sarah Dameron (to Max Coppage), Harris Downman (to Jno. Manahan, a Coppedge descendant through Downman and Coppedge), David Ball (Maiden David, guardian of Patience Coppedge who md. Joseph Dameron); Richard Ball; Joseph Ball; John Ball and his dau. Sarah Ball (legitimate, and 4 illegitimates, one named Mark Anthony, also Milly?) Married Margaret Pinckard. Witnessed by George Ball and Travers Downman, proved Feb. 10, 1752. Sarah's mother was Marg. Pinckard.

" A David Ball was in Caswell County, N.C. with family.

"I have allthe Ball Revolutionary records in the National Archives.

"Note that Sarah Dameron's daughter md. Jno. Coppedge and that her brother 'Maiden' David was guardian of Patience Coppedge, daughter of another John Coppedge.

"The Coppedge land was either next to Dameron or Balls. I've been there to Guarding Point and old grave yard too. Henry Mayes, mentioned in Will of Laurence Dameron was one who came over with William Coppedge in 1652. I've always thought he was related to Mayes. You know, of course, of the Dameron-Ball marriage in England prior to the coming of those families to Virginia?

"Sarah Ball married Christopher, not Joseph Dameron, at least not the Sarah Ball, dau. of Capt. Geo. Ball.

"Deed, 1721, by Geo. and Margaret Dameron. I have that George Jr. md. Margaret Taylor, not Elizabeth, and they had dau. Judith who married Richard Howson.

"George, son of Lawrence, sued Major Jno. Harris.

"Christopher Dameron was born in 1748 and died in 1818 and married Sarah Ball. The Ball history with Dameron and Coppage connection is well known. It is in William & Mary 1st series, V. 11. Their children were: Sarah, who married 1st Josias Gaskins and 2nd, Lattimore; Elizabeth, who married 1st to John Coppage II (my ancestors) and 2ndly to Isaac Coppage; John (no record here), Joseph m. 1st Patience Coppage, m. 2nd _____; Bartholomew m. Mary Waddy; Samuel; Grace; and Mary. The only recorded children I have for Joseph and Patience Coppage were: a daughter who married a Knight; Thomas W. (father of Thomas J., who married Betsey, and Patience Dameron, who married a Mr. Eagan.) Bartholomew (father of Salinda, etc.) and George Ball Dameron, m. Mary Woosham.

"Bartholomew Dameron, son of Lawrence, md. Elizabeth Garlington, dau. of Christopher Garlington, this proven by a Garlington historian.

"Bartholomew, heir in Brunswick, other children listed by wife, besides Moorehead, Mary Waddy? as follows: Bartholomew of Crane's Neck, Eliz. Waddy m. 1st Rev. Lewis Lunsford and 2nd her cousin, Elisha Carter, Thomas, Jr. (so-called), m. Nancy Ann Ball, dau. of Thomas and Mildred Downman Ball, l. Ky. 1810, d. 1826.

"Tignor Dameron d. Rutherford County, Tenn. 1824, son of Jno. & Sarah (Sukey) Tignor? Tignor's children in will: Liddia, Middia, Edmund, Sally, Nancy, Mary, Judy, Betsey, John and Wm. Dameron. (l. Rutherford County, Tenn, w. Aug. 23,1824, DAR Rec. of Tenn.) Tignor m. 1st _____ and 2nd Nancy _____.

"One of the early Coppedges was named Lazarus. Judith is a Coppedge name.

"Patience Coppage, who married Joseph Dameron, was a daughter of John Coppage (cousin of my John) and his wife _____. John Coppage, father of Patience, was a son of William and Patience Downing. Patience Downing was a daughter of Capt. WilliamDowning.

"Augustine Coppedge of Princess Anne, Va. m. Judith (Dameron?)

"Christopher Dameron was a Vestryman of WicomicoChurch in 1747; others were: Christopher Garlington; David Lattimore; Argail Tyalor; Capt. George Ball; John Taylor and Thomas Gaskins. John Coppedge was a vestryman in 1716 & Charles Coppedge succeeded Travers Downman in 1770.

"Charles Coppedge received rent for Judith Webb's plantation in 1772. Vestry book. My cousin, Dr. Jack Manahan, owns the only photostat copy of the WicomicoVestry book.

"Capt. David Ball and Capt. David Ball,Jr. wouldn't qualify under the United States Govt. They were loyal to the King despite illustrious cousin George, 1777.

"Theory: Dorothy, wife of Lawrence Dameron, may have been related to Dorothy Nicholls Downman, daughter of John Nichols of Corotoman.

"Alexander Dameron m. Becky Lightfoot, Branswick County, Va. 1788

"Omnafores Dameron m. Norfolk County or town, Va. to Martha _____ b. 1755. She married 2ndly to Lt. Christopher Tompkins in Hampton, Va., a soldier of the American Revolution. Tompkins died on Mar. 13, 1780 or 1789 (record not clear.) R 2.636, National Archives, Rev. Pensions.

"George Dameron of Georgia, enlisted from Virginia, Lincoln County, N.C. in 1824, at age of 65; in Va. Cont. Line, previously lived Halifax Co., Va. Rev. Records, National Archives.

"L.L. Dameron, 31, Person County, N.C. 1860? m. Mary 26, ch. Druella 2, Mary E. 7/12. W. Y. m. Elizabeth 17, he age 22. Zachary (?) 42.

"J.D. Damron to Lincoln County, Mo. 1844, from Virginia.

There are some interesting notes in the Coppedge Family Bulletin, edited by Dr. John E. Manahan, which says the president in 1953 was Mrs. H. Ross Coppage, Bergner Mansion, Gwynn's Falls Park, Baltimore, 16, Md. and that a file of Coppedge genealogy was given to the State Library in Richmond and that "the Coppedge lines are registered with the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. He notes also that"the Sovereign Colonial Society of Americans of Royal Descent in Philadelphia has already certified Virginia Coppedges for membership; indeed they were founded by the grandson of Sally Coppedge, the notable Charles H. Browning, author of Americans of Royal Descent." At the Reunion in 1952, the marker unveiled on Isle of Kent said: "Edward Coppedge (ca. 1610-1677), founder of the Coppedge Family in America, came from Chelworth, Wiltshire, to Virginia in 1648 and patented land here at 'Indian Spring' on 25 February 1650. John, William, Thomas, and Benjamin Coppedge followed him to Virginia. They were loyal to King Charles I." The Coppedges plan to print a genealogy book.

The Bulletin says the Treasurer of the Northern Neck Historical Society is W. Taylor Murphy, Warsaw, Va. I think dues are $3 a year. Mrs. Henry Mason, Montross, Va. is Librarian and historical material should be sent to her.

According to E. J. Coppage of Atlanta,Ga. Edward Coppedge went to Virginia in 1648 and to Maryland in 1650, m. Elizabeth and owned 'Indian Spring.' Elizabeth Coppedge b. 1654 m. William Roales and Sarah b. 1656 m. John Roales. Manahan gives the Coppedge genealogy as follows on p.14: This relates to the Deep South lines.

"1. William Copage, Chaplain of Queen's College, Oxford University, 1542; m. Faye; d. 1587, rector of Chaddleworth, Berks.

"2. Richard Coppedge of Chelworth, d. after 1632.

"3. William Coppidge ofChelworth, d. after 1632

"4. William Coppage of Northumberland Co., Va. d. 1700. Probably married Anne Howson, daughter of Capt. Leonard Howson and Elizabeth, daughter of Col. Richard Lee.

"5. Charles Coppedge, d. 1750; m. Lucy Lunsford.

"6. William Coppedge, d. 1766; m. sister of Jesse Robinson.

"7. Charles Coppedge of Dinwiddie and Mecklenburg, m. Elizabeth Basye, daughter of William Basye and Rebeckah Martin (who married first Basye and second Coppage, father of Elizabeth's husband).

"8. Isaac Coppedge born 1760, m. Sarah Jackson, sister of Mark Jackson.

"9. John Jackson Coppedge of Tennessee m. Isabella Rhea Paxton."

Dr. Manahan notes the Coppedge Descent from Knights of the Garter as follows: "1. Hugh de.Stafford, K.G. 2. Margaret de Stafford m. Ralph de Nevill, Earl of Westmoreland, K.G. 3. Philippa Nevill m. Thomas de Dacre, descended from Sir James Douglas. 4. Thomas de Dacre m. Elizabeth Bowes (related to Queen Elizabeth). 5. Joan Dacre m. Sir Richard Fynes, Lord Dacre of the South. 6. Sir Thomas Fynes. 7. Wm. Lunsford m. Margaret Fynes. 8. John Lunsford m. Mary Sackville. 9. Sir John Lunsford m. Barbara Lewknor. 10. Thomas Lunsford m. Katherine Fludd, dau. of Queen Elizabeth's Treasurer of War. 11. Sir Thomas Lunsford m. Catherine Neville.

THE COPPEDGE-COPPAGE FAMILY

The following was sent by Emma B. Mayo, Istachatta, Florida

I. William Coppage of Chelsworth, Wilts., Eng., m. 2nd. Elizabeth _____.
II. William Coppage, the immigrant to America, of Wiltshire, Eng, d. 1700 in Northumberland County, Va. m. 1st Anne Houson (?), 2nd Jane fflora (?).
III. Charles O. Coppage b. Apr. 1680, d. 1750, Northumberland County, Va., m. probably Lucy Lunsford, dau. of John Lunsford and Catherine Neale or Kenner.
IV. Moses Aaron Coppage b. 1632 or 41, Virginia, d. 1801, Bradfordsville, Ky.
V. James Coppage b. 15 Apr. 1763,in Va. d. 19 Mar. 1791, m. Nancy O'Bannon, b. 16 Oct. 1772, d. 1841. The mother of James Coppage was Mary Jane Catlett d. 1812 at Bradfordsville, Ky., dau. of John Catlett d. 1778, Fauquier Co., Va., and Anne _____, probably a Fairfax. (John was son of William Catlett of Lancaster County, Va., whose father was David Catlett, son of Susanna Merriweather (Nicholas?), and great-great grandson of Henry Woodhouse, Governor of Bermuda; nephew of Sir Francis Bacon, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal.
VI. Uriah Coppage b. 19 Apr. 1813, in Washington Co., Ky. m. 25 July, 1833, Margaret Mann, b. 1815, near Ky. River in Ky., both died Bradfordsville, Ky.
VII. Elizabeth Coppage b. 28 Jan. 1837, at Bradfordsville, Ky. d. 6 March, 1918. She married George Martin Weatherford b. 6 May, 1825, at Pottsville, Ky. on the date of 7 Sept. 1854. He d. 2 June, 1921, at Bradfordsville, Ky., in Marion County. (His father was Jesse Weatherford d. about 1890 in Casey County, Ky. and his mother was either his first wife Mary (?) Condor, or (2) Judy McKenny. Jesse's father was George Weatherford and his mother Elizabeth Spraggins. Martin Condor was father of Mary. (The father of Margaret Mann was Joseph Mann and her mother Elizabeth Hill.)
VIII. James Weatherford b. 8 Nov. 1876, at Bradfordsville, Ky. m. 26 June, 1896, Victoria Henderson b. March, 1879, at Bradfordsville, Ky., dau. of James Madison Henderson d. about 1910 or 1911, at Bradfordsville, Ky., and Mary Mann (Cox), d. about 21 Oct. 1918, at Lebanon, Ky., dau. of Jacob Mann and probably a Lowe. Thomas Henderson was father of James Madison Henderson, whose mother was Betsy Branic.
IX. Emma B. Weatherford b. 12 Jan. 1897, at Bradfordsville, Ky. m. 20 Sept. 1916, Andrew T. Rokes, and 2nd W. H. Mayo. Her res. is Istachatta, Florida.

She also sent a chart on Isaac Coppage, cousin to John Coppage, d.1807, Scott County, Ky., who married Elizabeth Dameron "A rich widow married first to John Coppage, she was first cousin to George Washington through the Ball family.) Their children were: (She referred me to Ollia Coppage, Cynthiana, Ky. for more information

1. Travers Coppage, m. Francis, sister of Catherine Coppage. He was born in Va.
2. Charles Coppage m. Martha Ann _____.
3. Grace Coppage, m. ____ Philes.
4. Lucy Coppage, m. ____ Kearns.
5. Rhodom Coppage, m. Catherine Coppage.

She said Dr. John E. Manahan sent his ancestry to her as follows: I. William Coppage came to Northumberland County, Va. in 1652. 2. Charles Coppedge d. in Northumberland 1750 (had son Isaac.) 3. Charles Coppedge, Jr. 4. John Coppage, Revolutionary soldier. 5. William Coppage. 6. John Scott Coppage. 7. William Richard Coppage. 8. Myrile M. Coppage (Becker). (. Lucille Becker. 10. John E. Manahan.

Her page on John Coppage, cousin of Isaac, gives his father as William Coppage, and his wife as Elizabeth Dameron, their children being John Coppage m. Susanna Harrison, and William Coppage m. (1) Mary Whitlege and (2) Mary Trippett.

iv. THE DEECENDANTS OF THOMAS DAMERON AND SARAH BLEDSOE

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who came to Northumberland County, Virginia, before 1652.

II. THOMAS, son of Lawrence, who married Sarah Bledsoe, daughter of George. TheWill of George Bledsoe dated Aug. 15, 1705, says: "Item, I give and bequeath unto my Son John Bledsoe the proportionable part of my Land lying and adjoining to Mr. Thomas Damaronen Junrs land." He gives his wife Elizabeth all the estate she brought to him, left bequests to sons George, William and Abraham, and "to son Thomas 3 yrs. at school, he under 21." Witness to the Will was Thomas Dameron, Junr. and the will was proved by his oath, 1705. The Northumberland Court records show that Thomas and John Bledsoe were fined for not going to Church in Wicomico, 21 Aug. 1718, 6. 279 "Northumbria Collectanea," by Fleet. Abraham was left land by his father George in Wicomico at the head of Dividing Creek, 12. Feb. 1705-6,17. 1 Witnessed by Jno. Grason, Susana X Grayson, James X Cox. Elizabeth Bledsoe's will was non-cupative (not signed), dated 13 Feb. 1707-8, p. 21 July, 1708. It mentions son Richard Lattimore, grand-daughters Mary Berry, Winifred Nelmes, son-in-law William Nelmes, my own daughter Elizabeth Nelmes, wife of William, exors.

"Thomas Dameron, an orphan bound to him, Robt. Crowder, complains of hard usage, 22 Mar. 1715-16, 6. 152." (Fleet, Northumbria Collectanea. He was also reported as cruel to an orphan bound to him 18 April, 1716, 6. 154.

Thomas Dameron"delivers the estate of Edwin Feilding to Jno. Hill his Guardian, 18 June, 1719, 6. 324."

Mr. Thomas Dameron, Senr.'s land is mentioned 23 Jan. 1707, 17.16.

Dameron's land adjoining Gaskins in Great Wicomico River, 16 Jan. 1710-11, 17.80.

"19 May 1708, Constables, Thomas Dameronie in roome of John Haynie."

July 21, 1708, John Bledsoe and John Ingram acknowledge Indenture of division of land.

10 June, 1679, George Bledsoe vs. John Harris, John Waddy and Thomas Ingram.

March 18, 1702-3. "Abraham Bledsoe and Catherine his wife for a child's part of the estate of her father Thomas Ball decd. March 18, 1702-3."

1678-9, Jan. 15, p. 3, Wm. Bledsoe and Wm. Hobson vs. Mr. Henry Burdett.

Thomas Junr. refers to the son of George Dameron, and Thomas, Senr. to the some of the first Lawrence, in the old records.

In Hening's Statutes of Virginia, V. VII, p. 52, is "A Schedule of Tobacco Burnt in Coan Warehouse, 1753-1754," and it includes many long items for Thomas Dameron marked "T.D."the first one being 21,039. This seems to have geen a great loss and he has much more loss than anyone else on the list, which includes Joseph Ball and Samuel Blackwell, etc.

The children of Thomas Dameron and Sarah Bledsoe were the following:

1. CHARLES DAMERON. The Will of Bledsoe Dameron 1770 mentions his wife Ann, sister-in-law Hannah Dameron, who use his land during their lives, cousin Winnifred Spriggs, cousin Charles Williams, "brother Charles Dameron children, George ... Mary, Hannah, Elizabeth and Nancy." Bledsoe Dameron's deed to David Ball 1767 sells land in Northumberland "which Descended to the sd Bledsoe Dameron as Heir-at-law to his Said Father Charles Dameron," witnesses George Ball, Wm. Taylor, Sarah Ball, John Hughlett, Samuel Hughlett. Charles children:

(1) Bledsoe Dameron, Will 1770, wife Ann. "Cousin" was a word formerly used to mean nieceand nephew, so his sisters married Williams and Spriggs. No children are mentioned in Bledsoe's will.

(2) Charles Dameron, whose wife may have been Hannah above mentioned. There is an inventory for her Book 10, p. 490, Northumberland County: "Pursuant to an order of Court the 9th day of October 1775, We the subscribers being sworn have appraised the estate of Hannah Dameron Dec'd in Current money as followeth Viz--" Then follows half a page of personal property. Appraisers were Barth. Dameron, Thos. Waddy, Geo. Ingram."At a Court held for Northumberland County the 11th day of October, 1779." The children of Charles mentioned in his brother Bledsoe's will were:

i. George Dameron.
ii. Mary Dameron.
iii. Hannah Dameron.
iv. Elizabeth Dameron
v. Nancy Dameron.

(3) Daughter m. Spriggs and has daughter Winnifred.

(3) Daughter m. Williams and has son Charles Williams.

2. Andrew Dameron. "And. Dameron Presented for not going to church Wicco parish, 19 May, 1714, 6.35." The samereference given the same item for Charles: "Charles Dameron Presented for not going to church Wicco par 19 May, 1714, 6.35." (Northumbria Collecteana, by Beverley Fleet, 1938.) These are orders from the Court records and they were taken to court for this offense. At this time there was persecution of all Quakers for not going to the established church, including Onecephrous Harvey, husband of Dorothy Gaskins, the daughter of Dorothy Dameron, both of whom were Quakers.

There is no record of the children of Thomas Dameron and Sarah Bledsoe as he left no will that has been found, but as Lawrence Dameron Jr., his brother had land in Yeocomico Parish, Westmoreland, by the process of elimination the father of Charles, Andrew and William must be above Thomas.

3. William Dameron, Will 1768.

4. Onesipherous Dameron? Will 1762, of Wicomico Parish. An Onesipherous Dameron was later in Norfolk County, Va. and Pasquotank County, N.C.

a. THE WILL OF GEORGE BLEDSOE OF NORTHUMBERLAND

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I GEORGE BLEDSOE of the County of Northumberland in the Colony of Virginia being sick & weak of body but of sound & perfect Memory doe make this my Last Will & Testament revoking & disannulling all former Will or Wills by me hereto fore made Imprs I bequeath my Soule to God my maker hoping to be saved by the merits of the Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ & my body I comitt to the Earth there to be buryed in descent Christian Manner as my Exors hereafter named shall think most convenient and my Worldly Estate I Dispose of as followeth, Item, I Give to my Lov. wife, Elizabth Bledsoe all that Estate of hers upon this Plantation she brought along with her and if she think it n ot convenient to ____ the said Estate her proportionable part with the rest of my children and likewise also one Cow and the Negro Nan and if it please God to Call me hence before the Cropp is disposed of that she shall have her share with my children of the aforesd Cropp Item I give and bequeath unto my Son John Bledsoe the proportionable part of my Land lying and adjoyning to Mr. Thomas Damorone Senr's Land and my will is that my son George Bledsoe shall have liberty to work upon this sd land without any trouble or molestation of the said John provided he take care to manage the same during his Natural Life but not to make waste or havoc of the same nor rent sell or Imbezzle it to anyone Item I give unto my son William Bledsoe the Plantation I now live upon this part of land together with all houses fenses & orchards that is upon it Item I give unto my son Abraham Bledsoe my proportionable part of land lying and adjoyning next to Mr John Nickless and runing along the Ridge next to the Schoole House and my Will is that if any of my three sons Abraham Wm. & John Bledsoe should die without Issue lawfully begotton of them their own body that then their said land or lands to fall to my son Thomas Bledsoe his heirs and assigns forever Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Thomas Bledsoe one ffeather bedd and my Will is that my Three Sons Abraham William & John be at Equall Charge to keep my son Thomas three years at schoole and to live upon the plantation along with sd William till he comes to the age of 21 years and for the remainder of my personall Estate my Will & Desire is that my Good friends Mr. James Waddy Mr. John Nickless & James Richardson divide it proportionably by their judgmt and discretion amongst my Children Item my Will and Desire is that what hoggs I dyed possessed with not be shared amongst my Children but to be left for the use and benefit of those that live upon the Plantation. Lastly I doe hereby ordaine and appoint my Two Sons Abraham & William Bledsoe sole Exors of this my Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and affixed my Seale this 25th day of Janry Anno Dom 1704-5.

GEORGE BLEDSOE (Seale)

"Sealed Signed Published & Declared)
to be His Last Will & Testament in the)
psts. of us James Richardson, John)
Nickless Tho Damoron Junr)

"Die Augty 15, 1705 This Will was proved in Northumberland County Court to be the Last Will and Testament of George Bledsoe by the oaths of John Nicklose Tho. Damoron Junr. two of Witnesses thereto. C.C. Recorded

Teste THO HOBSON Cl. Curt
(Seale)

"Die ffebry 22, 1710. This originall Will was presented to the Court by John Burn & the Record being burnt on the sd Burns motion & oath it is recorded.

Teste. THO. HOBSON, Cl. Curt Northro

(Note: From Northumberland Book 1706-1720. The script was very hard to make out.)

b. THE WILL OF ELIZABETH BLEDSOE, 1708, OF NORTHUMBERLAND

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I ELIZABETH BLEDSOE being in good health of body & perfect memory praise be therefore given to AlmightyGod I doe make and ordaine this my Last Will & Testament in manner & forme following... Imprimis I commit my Soule into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the merit and intercession of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have full pardon and forgiveness of all my Sins & to inheritt Everlasting life, my body I comit to the Earth to be decently buryedat the discretion of my Exors. hereinafter named and as for the disposition of all my Temporall Estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as followeth, First I will that my Debts and Funerall Charges shall be paid and discharged Item I give & bequeath unto my well beloved son Richard Lattimore one Cow. Secondly I give & bequeath unto my grand daughter Mary Berry the first female child that my negro woman Nan brings after my decease & likewise one ffeather bed bolster & pillow & Rugg and also one Hoggshead of Tobacco waying ffive hundred to buy her sound Pewter and thirdly I give & bequeath unto my grand daughter Winifred Nelmes a molatto Girl named Betty and all her future Increase and Lastly I give & bequeath utno my son-in-law William Nelmes and my owne Daughtor Elizabeth Nelmes Wife to the sd William Nelmes all my Personall Estate moveables chattles or unmoveables as also other things that is of my Estate I doe freely give & bequeath after my Decease but nothing to be ____ with nursing my life Likewise I doe Ordaine & Constitute & Appoint William Nelmes and Elizabeth his wife my Daughtor to be my Sole Exors. of this my Last Will & Testament Conteyning halfe a sheet of paper as Witness my Hand & Seale this 13th day of ffeby. in 1707-8.

(No signature) (SEALE)

Teste ALEX^{R} MULRAIN RICHD R SMITH His Mark)
DAMOL DUNAWAY & mark of _____)

"Die July 25, 1708. Alexander Mul rain Richd Smith & Da ____ Dunaway did this day in Court make oath that they did hear Elizabeth Bledsoe publish & declare this to be her Last Will & Testament and that she did Seale same and the said Mulrain in his oath further saith that this Estate was very _____ that (note) might be taken hereof that the Reason why she had not Left her son Richard Lattimore anything materiall in her Will was because she had theretofore bestowed liberally of what she had unto him.

Teste THO. HOBSON (SS)
Vera Copa Teste. THO. HOBSON, C.C.

"Test. Die Marty 22 ____ this copy was Presented by Mr. William Nelmes and by the Court approved and on his oath sd Nelmes and his motion... Admitted to Record. Teste THO HOBSON Cl. Curt. Northld."

(Note: The above was in difficult old script in Northumberland County Record Book 1706-1720. This was the wife of George Bledsoe, and apparently her first husband was named Lattimore by whom she had a son.)

Note: George Bledsoe's land adjoined that of Thomas Damernh, Jr. (son of George) in Wicomico, and also that of Harris, Nicholas (Nickless) and Thomas Gaskins. His two sons, John and Thomas, were"presented in court 21 Aug. 1718, 6. 279,"for not going to Church"in Wicomico. (Fleet's Northumbria Collectanea.)

c. DEED FROM BLEDSOE DAMERON TO DAVID BALL, JUNR. 1767

"This Indenture made 26th day of January Anno Dom 1767 And in the Seventh Year of our Sovereign Lord George the third of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. between Bledsoe Dameron of the Parish of Wiccomoco in the County of Northumberland of the one part and David Ball Junr. of the same Parish and County of the other part, Witnesseth that the sd. Bledsoe Dameron for and in Consideration of the full and Just sum of Sixty pounds Currt money of Virga. to him in hand paid by the sd. David Ball Junr. the receipt where of he is there with fully Satisfied he the sd Bledsoe Dameron doth here by Acknowledge and there of doth fully & absolutely acquit Exonerat^{e} & Discharge the said David Ball Junr. his heirs Exors. and by these presents Doth fully & Absolutely give Grant, Bargain sell alien Enfeof and Confirm unto the said David Ball Junr. his heirs or Assigns a Certain Piece or Parcel of land lying and being in the County of Northumberland which sd Parcel of land is part of a Parcel of Land which Descended to the sd Bledsoe Dameron as Heir at Law to his Said Father Charles Dameron dec'd And bounded on the lines of George Ball, George Dameron, William Gaskins and David Ball, Senr. Containing Thirty Acres of Land to be the same more or less and appurtenances there to belonging with all houses out houses woods under woods & water courses there to belonging or in any ways appurtaining unto the said Land and Premises And also all the Right Title or Interest which the said Bledsoe Dameron now hath or ever here after may by any ways or means what so ever, To Have and to Hold the said Thirty Acres of Land to be the same more or less and Singular the premises there to belonging with all his Right members and appurtenances unto the sd David Ball Junr. his heirs Exeautors Covenant & grant to and with the sd David Ball Junr. his heirs and Assigns the sd Thirty Acres of Land be the same more or less & all appurts. there to belonging for ever.

"And that he the sd Bledsoe Dameron hath full right & Lawfull Authority to Grant and Convey the sd Thirty Acres of Land and appurtenances to the sd David Ball Junr. heirs or Assigns for ever and the sd Bledsoe Dameron his heirs etc. shall and will for ever Warrant and Defend the same from the Claims of any person or persons whatsoever unto the sd David Ball Junr. his heirs or Assigns for ever.

"In Witness where of the said Bledsoe Dameron hath set his hand & affixed his Seale the day & year first above written--

his
BLEDSOE X DAMERON
mark

Signed Sealed and Delivered in Presence
of George Ball, Wm. Taylor, Sarah Ball,
John Hughlett, Samuel Hughlett.

"Mem'd that on the 26th day of January 1767 Livery of Seizer of the written mentioned This Thirty Acres of Land and Premises was on this day given by the mentioned Bledsoe Dameron unto the within mentioned David Ball Junr. by the Delivery of Turf and Twig As Witness my hand the day and year above written--

his
BLEDSOE X DAMERON
mark

"In presence of George Ball,
Wm. Taylor.

"At a Court Held for Northumberland County the 9th day of February 1767 This Indenture of Feoffment from Bledsoe Dameron of the one part to David Ball Junr. of the other part with Mem'd of Livery of Seizer there on indorsed was Proved by oaths of George Ball, John Hughlett, and Samuel Hughlett, three of the Witnesses there to, and admitted to Record.

(From Book 7, p. 13, Deeds.) Teste. THOS. JONES, Cl. Cur."

d.THE WILL OF BLEDSOE DAMERON, 1770

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I BLEDSOE DAMERON of the County of Northumberland being in perfect Sence and memory of mind praised be to God, But Sick and Weak of Body, Do Make and Ordain this my Last Will as followeth-- Item, Give unto my Loving Wife Ann Dameron and my Sister-in-law Hannah Dameron the Use of my Land During their Natural Lives and after their death to be sold to the Highest Bidder and my Will & Desire is that the Produce of my land Should go as Followeth, I give Thirty Shillings to my Cousin Charles Williams to him and his forever and I give to my Cousin Winnifred Spriggs Twenty Shillings to her and her Heirs for ever And the remainder Part of the Produce to be Divided Between my Brother Charles Damerons Children George Dameron to have one third part and the other part to be Divided between Mary Hannah Elizabeth and Nancy to them and their heirs for ever.

"Item I give to my loving Wife Ann Dameron my Riding Horse To her and her Heirs for ever-- Item I Give to my Cousin Winnifred Spriggs one young Heiffer To her and her Heirs for ever.

"Lastly I appoint my Friends George Ball & David Ball Senr. Executors pf this my Last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have here unto Set my hand and Seale this 16th Day of January, 1770--

his
BLEDSOE D DAMERON (SEAL)
mark

her
"David Ball Junr. William Dameron, Winnifred X Dameron
mark

"At a Court Held for Northumberland County the 12th Day of March 1770 This Last Will & Testament of Bledsoe Dameron dec'd was presented in Court by David Ball Junr. one of the Executors there in named who made bath there to according to Law and the Same being Proved by the Oaths of William Dameron & Winnifred Dameron two of the Witnesses there to was Admitted to Record And on the Motion of the said Executor Giving Security Certificate is granted him for obtaining a Probate there of in Due form.

Teste. THOS JONES C.N.C."*

(Note: Taken from Book 7, p. 471, Northumberland County Records, Va.)

NOTES ON THE BLEDSOES

In the Virginia County Records V. 11, Va. Col. Militia, p. 23, has"Joseph Bledsoe, Sergt. 1st Va. Regt. Col. Geo. Washington commanding, continued in same till regt. disbanded. Spotsylvania Co. Feb. 17, 1780.

Torrence lists Bledsoe Wills: George 1705, Elizabeth 1708, Moses 1764, Spotsylvania; William, 1770, Culpeper Co.

*(Note: Inventory of Bledsoe Dameron's Estate was March 1, 1771, Northumberland, signed by Bartholomew Dameron, Rich'd Cope & Thos. Waddy, presented in court by David Ball, Jr., Exr.

1. WILLIAM DAMERON OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, Virginia, who came to Virginia before 1652, with his wife Dorothy.

II. THOMAS DAMERON, of Wicomico Parish, who married Sarah Bledsoe.

III. WILLIAM DAMERON. We have no proof in documents that he was the son of above Thomas as yet without more search, by the process of elimination this is the only place left for him to fill. On March 23, 1768, he left his wife Sarah his estate, as executrix, the rest to be equally divided among his children, unnamed. This will was presented to the court by Susannah Dameron, with George Ball as witness and oath by David Ball, in 1773 June 14.

IV. WILLIAM DAMERON. His Will, signed X, of 17 Jan. 1785, St. Stephens Parish, Northumberland, which is where Heathsville is located, mentions his wife Elizabeth who receives the plantation, and grandson Edward Dameron Lewis. The sons mentioned are William, Roger "who lives here," Luke "gone to Westmoreland County," Christopher, George. The Will was proved by Roger Dameron June 13, 1785. The genealogist for Joseph W. Dameron said this William and his wife Elizabeth were both born in Heathsville, Virginia, and their children were born in Northumberland County, Va. These children are:

1. William.
2. Roger.
3. Luke, of Westmoreland.
4. Christopher.
5. George.
6. Daughter, who had a son Edward Dameron Lewis.

V. WILLIAM DAMERON, son of above William. His Will, signed with an X, and dated May 10, 1821, of St. Stephens' Parish, Northumberland County, mentions his son Luke, his son William being given all land where he now lives; "to my son John all land I now possess." He also gave land to his son Bartholomew, and to William Lewis"the land where Christopher Dameron now lives." He also left bequests to his daughter Fanny, his granddaughters Eliza Richardson and Mary Richardson. His son, John, was executor with his friend, Thomas Bell. It was proved Dec. 10, 1821, with oaths by Luke Dameron and Richard Jewell. John Dameron did not appear. The genealogist for Joseph W. Dameron said the will was proved July 9, 1821 (see Will in Book 15, p. 391) and that all of the children of William Dameron were born in Northumberland County. He said William Dameron was born in Heathsville, Northumberland County, about 1731. He believed this William of Will 1821 was the father of Capt. John Dameron, born 1757, who married Anna Ladd. However, in 1821, this John was an old man with a large family,living in Illinois in 1815 where he died some time after 1836. The children of William Dameron were:

1. Luke.
2. William.
3. John.
4. Bartholomew
5. Fanny.
6. Daughter who married a Richardson, unless this refers to Fanny.

(Note: Northumberland records show a deed to William Dameron from William Mahanes and Elizabeth his wife, 23 Feb. 1758, p. 209. In the 1·

Co., In the 1821 Will of William the Sheriff was named Administrator in the next book
Mo. of records, showing John was not in the vicinity, Mrs. Pearce says. Luke Dameron and Rich'd Jewell were witnesses, and Jewell married a Dameron;moved to Randolph

a. WILL OF WILLIAM DAMERON OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, 1768-1773

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I WILLIAM DAMERON of the County of Northumberland being in perfect sence and memory praised be to God for the same but calling to mind the uncertanty of this Life that is but a blast I do therefore make and ordain this my Last Will & Testament in Manner and form following Vizt:

Imprimis, I give and bequeath my soul to almighty God that gave it to me (in full and Certain hopes of parden or remission for all my sins in and through the death of my Dear and Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ) and my body to the earth to be buried at the Descretion of my Exrs. hereafter nmed & for what worldly goods it hath Pleased God to bless me with I give as followeth--

Item. I give to my loving wife Sarah Dameron all my estate of what nature and kind so ever during her natural Life and after the death of my wife Sarah I give all my Estate to be equally divided amongst all my children & their Legal Representatives.

Item. I appoint my Loving Wife Sarah Dameron Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament Revoking all former wills by me made as Witness my hand and seal this 23d day of March One Thousand &' Sixty Eight.

his
Signed Sealed & Published WILLIAM X DAMERON (SEAL)
to be my Last will in presence of... mark

At a Court held for Northumberland County the 14th day of June 1773, this last Will and Testament of Will Dameron, Dec'd was presented in Court by Susannah Dameron the Exrtx. therein named & made oath thereto according to Law (the witness George Ball being dead) his hand writing was sworn to by the oath of David Ball, Jr. Gent. and admited to Recorded & on the mention of the Exrx.giving seacurity Certificate is granted her for obtaining probate thereof order.

Teste. Thos. Jones, C.N.C.

(Note by H.F.S. This is from Northumberland County, Va. Record Book 1772-76, Part I. page 83.

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APPRAISAL OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE DAMERON 1784, NORTHUMBERLAND

"In obedience to an order of Northumberland County Court bearing date the 9th of February, 1784. We the Subscribers being first Sworn have met and appraised in Current money the Estate of George Dameron, Dec'd as followeth—

"2 tubs and seed cotton, etc...

ONESIPHEROUS HARVEY
CHARLES LATTIMOR
JAMES WADDEY

"At a Court Held for Northumberland County the 10th Day of May, 1784. This Inventory of Appraisement of Estate of George Damron, dec'd was this Day Returned & ordred to be recorded.".

(Note: This is taken from the Record Book of Northumberland 1782-1785. This George was no doubt the son of Charles, listed under the children of Thomas Dameron and Sarah Bledsoe p. 53.)

b. WILL OF ELIZABETH DAMERON, WIFE OF WILLIAM, 1792

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN, I, ELIZABETH DAMERON of Northumberland County and parish of St. Stephens, being very sick and low in health but in perfect sence and sound memory thanks be to God for it and Calling to mind the mortality of man Knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament: First I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust from whence it came to be buried in a defcent manner at the Diferession of my Executors and as it hath pleased God to possess me with a portion of this WORLDLY goods, I desire to give and bequeath them in manner and form as follows.

Item I give and bequeath to my son-in-law George Lewis five shillings current money of Virginia to him and his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to my son Roger Dameron my side saddle. Item I give and bequeath to my son William Dameron five shillings current money of Virginia to him and his heirs forever.. Item I give and bequeath to my son Luke Dameron three pounds Current money of Virginia to be raised out of my Crop to him and his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to my son-in-law Leroy Oldham five shillings current money of Virginia.

Item it is my will and desire that all the residue of my estate not before mentioned to be equally divided between my sons George Dameron, Christopher Dameron and my grandson Edward D. Lewis and it is my desire that the portion of my grandson Edward D. Lewis shall remain in the hands of my son William Dameron untill the said Lewis shall arrive to the age of twenty years. And lastly I appoint my trusty friends Leroy Oldham and William Dameron Exeacutors of this my last will and testament.

Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this thirtyth day of September One thousand seven hundred and ninety-two

her
ELIZABETH X DAMERON
mark (Seal)

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged
in presence of

Sam'l Cralle
Jeremiah X Brown
(his mark)
Mary X Hall
(her mark)

At a Court of monthly session held for Northumberland County at the Court-house, on Monday the 12th of June, 1797,

This last will and Testament of Elizabeth Dameron was presented by the oaths of Samuel Cralle and Jeremiah Brown, witness thereto, and ordered to be recorded: and on the motion of Leroy Oldham and William Dameron, the executors named in the said will, who made Oath thereto, and together with Thomas Oldham and Luke Dameron, their securities, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of five hundred pounds, Conditioned as the law directs, a Certificate granted them for Obtaining probat thereof in due form.

Teste
Catesby Jones, Clk.

Truly recorded Teste. Catesby Jones,Clk.

NOTES ON WILLIAM DAMERON, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

William Dameron received deed from William Mahanes and Elizabeth, his wife, Feb. 23, 1758, p. 209.

William Dameron of St. Stephens deeds to David Strangham and wife Betty; witness, William Dameron, Feb. 14, 1785.

William Dameron, security, for marriage of LUKE DAMERON to Jemima Harrison, widow, 24 Sept. 1794. (Northumberland County Records, mimeographed. Marriage License Bonds of Northumberland County, Va., 1783-1850.

William Dameron and Lucinda Sandy, Aug. 15, 1818, William B. Lewis, Sec. Ibid.

William Dameron, widower, and Harriet Lewis, May 19, 1832, J.W.Lewis, Sec. Ibid.

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The Northumberland County Record of Births 1661-1810, Virginia Colonial Abstracts, V. III, has the following:

St. Stephens Parish:

Mary Dameron daug'r to Joseph born March 1, 1714, p. 37.
William Dameron, son to William and Nancey his wife was born Feb. 5, 1792, p. 40.
Onesephrous Damron, son of Mosey and Millicent his wife was born Sept. 4, 1772, p. 41.
Anna Dameron, d. of Jacob and Mary his wife was born Dec. 1, 1775.
Molley Draper Dameron, daughter of William and Nancey his wife b. Decem. 18, 1786, p. 43.
Luke Williams Damron, son to William and Nancey his wife was born March 30, 1789.

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William Dameron of St. Stephens Parish sold land to John C. Dameron, June 8, 1820, Book 22, p. 365.

William Dameron and Lucinda, his wife, give deed to John C. Dameron for five acres of land Dec. 9, 1826, Book 25, Record Books, p. 52.

William Dameron and Polly Mealy, are witnesses to deed to John C. Dameron in 1818 from John Mealy of St. Stephens Parish, Book 21, p. 459.

William Dameron and Lucinda, his wife, sell land to Bartholomew Dameron, Test. George Dameron and Joseph Dameron.

William Dameron is mentioned in the will of Charles Dameron as a son, Jan. 6, 1827, Northumberland. It mentions wife Sarah B., and gives $1 to George, $25- to William, $25 to Isaac, $25 to Elizabeth, $25 to Thomas.

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LUKE DAMERON received a pension in the War of 1812, see Catalogue PR 381, MR 127. CHARLES DAMERON was a sergeant, see PR 251 et. seq. also see John C. Dameron, George C. Dameron in this war.

PART ONE:

FURTHER NOTES ON WILLIAM DAMERON BY JULIA DAMERON OLD:

From William and Mary, I, p. 258: Thomas Waddy died in 1737. His will was presented for further proof in Aug. 8, 1738, on the oath of William Dameron (one of the witnesses).

P. 262: Sept. 11, 1775, the will of Joseph Mott . . . The court appointed David Ball, George Dameron and Barth. Dameron to divide the estate of Randolph Mott between Jane, his widow, and Randolph Mott. On June 13, 1796, William Dameron was guardian to Lucy, Milly, James and Francis, orphans of James Waddy.

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On the subject of the ancestry of William Dameron, I have already noted that we have an item which indicates that he might be the son of Bartholomew, Jr. son of Bartholomew, Sr. b. 1645, and Elizabeth Garlingtin. This was found in a manuscript by Mrs. O.A. Keach on the Damerons of Northumberland County, Virginia, in tracing the line of Thomas of Kentucky. It was sent to me by Louise H. Dameron. "Christopher^3 Dameron (Bartholomew^2 Lawrence^1) presented the will of his brother, Bartholomew Dameron as his executor, on June 18, 1735, and was the guardian of William (probably his nephew) in 1742." However, the fact that William was witness on the Thomas Waddy will 1738, indicates that he was of age--21 years--in that year, so why should he have a guardian in 1742? Also the will of Christopher 1764 says that his son Bartholomew had all his land entailed to him "and his Uncle Bartho. Dameron dec'd has given him negroes." This may have been because he was named for him,but it would seem he would have left all his property to his son or sons instead of to a nephew, if he had had children. This will Mrs. Cornelius was unable to find of Bartholomew 1735, and the court records will have to be checked. In 1758 William Mahanes conveyed to William Dameron 50 acres of land in St. Stephens' Parish, Northumberland "on a branch running into Matoponie River which was purchased from Travis Downman." This may be the time William moved to this parish from Wicomico if he did, but the deed apparently did not say which parish William was from at that date. I believe that Josiah died too early to be the father of William who would have been of age and now in need of a guardian in 1742 probably in that case. But then we see he was of age in 1738. It is possible the wife of the second William was a Waddy as he was guardian, 1796.

Mrs. Old also found the following:

William and Mary, V. 23, p. 419: Will of John Harris, dated 23 Feb. 1709-10, witnessed by Geo. Dameron, Josiah Dameron and Onesph. Harvey.

Virginia Colonial Militia Officers, p. 106, Lancaster County, Joseph Ball, Lt. Col. P. 1104, Col. Wm. Ball. P. 1104, Capt. Wm. Ball.

Order Book 1755-65, Aaron Bledsoe, Lieut. of Co. under Capt. Benj. Pendleton, commission dated July 21, 1755.

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Louise H. Dameron sent a note that Helen Lindsay of Kentucky sent information that"Christopher and George B. Dameron settled in Perry County, Miss. 1806-1807. There was also a John in Mississippi, who may be the one who was in Brunswick with the Christopher Dameron family.

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Mrs. Walter Towner Jewell, 1402 North Greenbrier Street, Arlington 5, Va., wrote: "My husband's great-grandmother was Nancy Dameron b. about 1800 probably in Lincoln County, Tenn. and m. Elisha Powers. Her father was Joseph Dameron, who m. Elizabeth Haynie... Joseph had a wealthy brother John who lived six miles from Salem.

1. THE FAMILY OF CHARLES DAMERON OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who came to Virginia before 1652, with his wife, Dorothy, and children, Bartholomew, eldest, George, Thomas, Lawrence, Jr., and Dorothy, who married,first, Josias Gaskins, and second, Samuel Mahan.

II. BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON or THOMAS DAMERON, WHO MARRIED SARAH BLEDSOE. Thomas left no will, so we cannot be certain of all his children,but we know he had a son Charles, whose heir was Bledsoe. As names were kept to one branch, except for that of the founder of a family, this indicates that the name Charles comes down in the Thomas Dameron line. However, because William Dameron was of St. Stephens Parish, it is possible he was the son of either Josiah Dameron or Lawrence Dameron, Jr., sons of Bartholomew, as their father gave them land on the Mattapony River and they lived in this parish.

III or IV. WILLIAM DAMERON, Will signed Mar. 23, 1768, left his estate to Sarah, his wife, as executrix, and the children were not named. It was presented in court June 14, 1773, by Susannah Dameron, with George Ball as witness and oath by David Ball. His wife may have been a Ball, therefore.

IV. WILLIAM DAMERON. In his Will of Jan. 17, 1785, his wife,Elizabeth, received the plantation, and he mentions his grandson Edward Dameron Lewis. The sons mentioned are William, Roger "who lives here," Luke "gone to Westmoreland County," Christopher and George. Roger Dameron proved the will June 13, 1785. The genealogist for Joseph W. Damron said this William and also his son William were born in Heathsville, Virginia. He also said that Elizabeth Dameron, wife mentioned in the 1785 will, was born in Heathsville, but I have never seen any proofs of this, though the will was of St. Stephens Parish.

V. ROGER DAMERON, son of above William and Elizabeth Dameron, Will, 1785. There is no other Roger Dameron in any records that I know of. His mother, Elizabeth, in her Will, Sept. 30, 1792, says: "Item I give and bequeath to my son Roger Dameron my side saddle." It is possible that her father was Roger Hughlett, as there was one about that time, and the name Roger may have been given for him.

VI. CHARLES DAMERON, son of Roger Dameron and his wife _____ Jones, daughter of Dr. Jones. The following items relate to the name Charles Dameron in Northumberland records:

Charles Dameron witnessed the will of Bartholomew in Wicomico, 1805.

Charles Dameron m. Sally Webb, daughter of Thomas, 10 Sept. 1810, Thaddeus Carter, Security. (From Marriage License Bonds of Northumberland Co., Va. 1783-1850.)

Charley Dameron m. Ann Pope 3 May, 1819, Kenneth W. Crolle, Security. Ibid.

Charles Dameron m. Betsey Taylor, daughter of Thomas, Thomas Ingram, Sec. Ibid.

Charles Dameron, widower, m. Jane Keene b. April 19, 1791, Apr. 17, 1822. Ibid.

Charles Dameron receives a deed Sept. 11, 1820, from Stephen Barnes and Elizabeth, his wife, St. Stephens Parish.

Charles Dameron signs a will Jan. 6, 1827, Northumberland, mentioning his wife, Sarah B., and gives $1 to George, William $25, Isaac $25, Elizabeth $25, Thomas $25.

THE DESCENDANTS OF CHARLES DAMERON AND JANE KEENE

The following genealogy was sent to me by Julia Dameron Old, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Box 303, who also painted the Dameron coat-of-arms for this manuscript. She said: "The coat of arms are from France and Bruges and are identical except the Bruges coat gives supporters. My aunt had Tiffany's look it up yearsaago and later I verified it as follows: General C^2 F, 1 A-R, Congressional Library, Washington, D.C., Reitstap Armorial General, Planches Par Rolland Reitstap Armorial, Ref. Plate CLXXIII. Damerin--Flandre: D'arg. au chev. de sa., acc. de trois tourt, de gu. My grandfather, James Albert Dameron, said that the Damerons of Northumberland came from England but that some of them in Louisiana were French Huguenots."

"THE FAMILY OF CHARLES DAMERON AND HIS SECOND WIFE JANE (CHRISTENED JANETTA), KEENE, BOTH OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

"Charles Dameron was the son of Roger Dameron and his wife _____ Jones, dau. of Dr. Jones. Charles Dameron d. Jan. 19, 1848; he married first, May 14, 1819, Nancy Pope, d. Mar. 24, 1820. Issue:

"(1) Elizabeth J. b. Feb. 15, 1820; d. July 15, 1820.

"A. Charles Dameron m. 2nd, Apr. 18, 1822, Jane Keene, b. Apr. 19, 1791, d. Oct. 26, 1845. Jane was dau. of Thomas Keene and his wife, Anne McAdam, who was the dau. of Dr. Joseph McAdam and his wife, Sarah Anne Gaskins of 'Gascony.' Capt. Thomas Keene and Dr. Joseph McAdam were both officers in the Revolutionary War. Issue of Charles and Jane Keene Dameron were all born near Heathsville in Northumberland County, Virginia:

(1) Joseph McAdam, b. Sept. 11, 1823; d. Nov. 15, 1870.
(2) Mary E. J., born Mar. 3, 1827; d. _____.
(3) James Albert, b. Mar. 4, 1832; d. Jan. 9, 1919.
(4) Henry Lawson, b. Sept. 13, 1836; d. _____.

"B-1. JOSEPH MCADAM DAMERON m. Feb. 23, 1851, Mary A. Tune. They resided near Lottsburg, Northumberland County, Va. Issue:

(1) Willie A. b. Jan. 15, 1852; d. _____.
(2) Charles Henry, b. Nov. 12, 1853; d. Nov. 16, 1853.
(3) Mary J., b. Mar. 24, 1857; d. July 24, 1857.
(4) Newton E., b. Feb. 4, 1855; d. _____.
(5) Joseph Addison, b. Apr. 15, 1858; d. Oct. 7, 1906.
(6) Ira Tune, born Aug. 24, 1867; d. _____.

"C-4. NEWTON E. DAMERON m. Nov. 24, 1882, Fanny Forrester. Issue:

(1) Hurvey Edward, b. Oct. 1, 1887; d. Oct. 25, 1936.

"D-1. Hurvey Edward Dameron m. Jan. 12, 1910, Ida Cowart. Issue:

(1) Edward Page, b. Aug. 15, 1912.

"E-1. Edward Page Dameron m. Nell Clark. They reside in Washington, D.C. Issue:

(1) William Hurvey, b. Nov. 19, 1936.
(2) Edward Page, b. Dec. 15, 1942.

"C-6. IRA TUNE DAMERON m. Minnie Wright(adopted Evelyn V.)

"C-5. JOSEPH ADDISON DAMERON, m. Apr. 15, 1883, Laura Cookman. Issue:

(1) Fanny V., b. July 4, 1886, m. William Carson. They reside in Hyattsville, Maryland. Issue: (1) Dorothy m. Paul Davis.

(2) Lillie, b. July 19, 1888, m. Paul Watson. They reside in Los Angeles, California. Issue: (1) Walter Addison.

(3) Mary S., b. Feb. 23, 1892, m. Roy Mayhew. They reside in Camp Springs, Maryland.

(4) Leslie Yates Dameron m. Flora Hudson. Issue: (1) Leslie Yates,and (2) Jack.

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"B-2. MARY E. J. DAMERON m. 1st, Rock; 2nd, Tune.

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"B-3. JAMES ALBERT DAMERON m. Dec. 10, 1858, Mary Ann Courtney b. Mar. 1, 1838; d. Nov. 3, 1924. She was the dau. of Jeremiah and Lydia Ann Courtney, of Kinsale, Westmoreland County, Va. James Albert Dameron was educated at Northumberland Academy, Heathsville, Va. On the 18th day of Jan. 1862, he was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the 37th Regiment, of the 14th Brigade of Virginia Militia. Then he was made Lieut. in Co. D., 15th Virginia Cavalry, C.S.A. He was wounded in the Battle of Fredericksburg; while home on leave recuperating from the hip injury, he joined in running the blockade to bring in supplies from Southern Maryland. He was captured and, as a prisoner of war, confined in Point Lookout Prison until after Gen. Lee surrendered to Gen. Grant at Appomattox.

"During the war his wife, Mary Ann, and two small sons, went to Kinsale to be with her family; they afterwards moved to Kinsale, and spent the remainder of their lives there; both James Albert and Mary Ann died there.Issue:

(1) Walton Alexander, b. Sept. 18, 1859; d. Sept. 29, 1940.
(2) Frank Abner, b. Mar. 12, 1863; d. Sept. 13, 1919.
(3) James Oscar, b. June 18, 1866; d. Sept. 13, 1949.
(4) Lydia Jane, b. Mar. 18, 1869; d. Aug. 27, 1941.
(5) Mary Ruth, b. Apr. 9, 1871. Unmarried.
(6) Harry Albert, b. July 22, 1874; d. Jan. 19, 1938. Unmarried.

"C-1. WALTON ALEXANDER DAMERON m. circa. 1890 Helena Kleefisch, b. Dec. 11, 1861, New Windsor, Md., d. Feb. 16, 1927. (Adopted Cornella.) They resided at Weems, Lancaster County, Va.

"C-2. FRANK ABNER DAMERON m. Oct. 4, 1887, Florence Jeter Luttrell, b. July 25, 1869, dau. of James LeRoy Luttrell and his wife, Julia Ann Rock of 'Locust Grove,' Richmond County, Va. Frank Abner Dameron was born at 'Poplar Farm," Heathsville, Va. Their home is in Kinsale, Va. Issue:

(1) Mary Julia, b. July 18, 1888.
(2) Frank Alexander, b. May 4, 1890, died in infancy.
(3) Zachariah Courtney, b. Mar. 22, 1892.
(4) Dorothy Luttrell, b. Oct. 25, 1893.
(5) Florence, b. Mar. 1, 1896, died in infancy.
(6) Lois Keene, b. Aug. 4, 1898.
(7) Virginia Davenport, b. Aug. 11, 1900.
(8) Frank Abner, b. Dec. 22, 1904.

"D-1. MARY JULIA DAMERON m. Aug. 22, 1819, Hallie Carlisle Old b. Dec. 16, 1884, Rosemont, Princess Anne County, Va. He is an alumnus of Virginia Polytechnic Institute. They reside at 'Oldton,' Lynnhaven, Princess Anne County, Va.

"D-3. ZACHARIAH COURTNEY DAMERON m. Mar. 24, 1921, Mary Broun Atwill, b. Dec. 9, 1899. He served in Machine Gun Co. 128th Infantry, 32d Division, A.E.F.; was in the Meuse-Argonne and with the Army of Occupation, returning home from Europe May 5, 1919. They reside in Westmoreland County, Va. Issue:

(1) Zachariah Courtney, b. July 30, 1925.
(2) Broun Conway, b. July 25, 1927.

"E-1. ZACHARIAH COURTNEY DAMERON m. June 19, 1948, Ann Lemoine Murphy of Warsaw, Richmond County, Va. He was graduated from Virginia Military Institute; he served as First Lieutenant in World War II. Shewas graduated from Collegiate School, Richmond, Va., and received her degree from the University of North Carolina. They live in Fredericksburg, Va.

"E-2. BROUN CONWAY DAMERON m. Sept. 2, 1950, Dorothy Blanton Ames of Montross, Westmoreland Co., Va. He was graduated from St. Christopher's School, Richmond, Va., and received his degree from Hampden-Sydney College. At this time he is in the U.S. Army Intelligence Corps in Korea. She is a graduate of Randolph-Macon Institute.

"D-4. DOROTHY LUTTRELL DAMERON m. June 30, 1917, Clifford Lee Bussells, b. Sept. 25, 1892, at Fleeton, Northumberland Co., Va. They reside in Alexandria, Va., where he is Executive Vice-President of the Burke and Herbert Bank. Issue:

(1) Dorothy Lee, b. Apr. 9, 1918, Reedville, Va.
(2) Clifford Lee, b. Jan. 10, 1925, Norfolk, Va.

"E-1. DOROTHY LEE BUSSELLS, m. Oct. 28, 1939, James Cabell Brockenbrough, Jr. She is an alumna of Richmond Professional Institute of the College of William and Mary. He attended McGuire's University School. (They were divorced in 1946.) Issue: Elizabeth Keene, b. Sept. 17, 1940.

"E-2. CLIFFORD LEE BUSSELLS attended Hampden-Sydney College; was graduated from the University of Richmond; is now with the Virginia Trust Company, Richmond.

"D-6. LOIS KEENE DAMERON m. Nov. 20, 1926, Alpheus Wilson Embrey, Jr. b. Feb. 13, 1901; he was graduated from Virginia Military Institute and received his law degree from the University of Virginia. He was a member of the Virginia General Assembly for four terms, practices his profession in Fredericksburg and is Judge of the Civil and Police Court there. Issue: Alpheus Wilson, 3rd, b. May 17, 1936.

"D-7. VIRGINIA DAVENPORT DAMERON, m. June 25, 1927, Mennis Lawson Gibson. She is an alumna of Westhampton College of the University of Richmond and attended Columbia University. He attended Virginia Military Institute and studied at Westinghouse Electric; he is a partner in the R.B. Payne Coal Co. Their residence is Fredericksburg, Va. Issue: Courtney Holcombe (dau). b. Dec. 26, 1937.

"D-8. FRANK ABNER DAMERON m. Oct. 25, 1934, Nelle Watters of Huntington, West Virginia. He is an alumnus of William and Mary College; she was graduated from Marshall College. They live in Richmond, Va. Issue:

(1) Anyce Crenshaw, b. Sept. 19, 1940.
(2) Doriss McAdam, b. Feb. 27, 1943.

"C-3. JAMES OSCAR DAMERON m. June 26, 1902, Margaret Bolling Jones, of Dinwiddie Co., Va. Their home is at Weems, Lancaster Co., Va. Issue:

(1) Margaret Fitzgerald, b. Sept. 16,1909.
(2) James Oscar b. Jan. 31, 1911; d. Aug. 13, 1917.
(3) Mary Meade b. Dec. 13, 1912.

"D-1. MARGARET FITZGERALD DAMERON m. Jan. 18, 1947, Dr. Henry Jeter Edmonds, 3rd. She was graduated fromWilliam and Mary College. He practices his profession in Kilmarnock, Lancaster Co., Va., where they reside. Issue: (1) Henry Jeter, 4th, b. Nov. 6, 1948.

"D-2. MARY MEADE DAMERON m. Aug. 26, 1939, Benjamin Felix Woodson. She was graduated from Peace Institute, Raleigh, N.C. He is a lawyer in Charleston, W.Va. where they live. Issue:

"(1) Margaret Kathryn, b. Oct. 4, 1940.
(2) Benjamin Meade, b. Apr. 8, 1947.

"C-4. LYDIA JANE DAMERON m. June 26, 1893, Richard Atkinson Claybrook, son of Col. Edwin Coke Claybrook and Judith Newton Claybrook of 'The Park,' Westmoreland County, Va. They resided first in Kinsale, Westmoreland County, Va., then lived in Cumberland, Md., and finally made Plainfield, N.J. their home. Mr. Claybrook was a President of the New York Produce Exchange and of the New York Southern Society. He died Nov. 11, 1918, and not long after, his widow and three daughters moved to Fredericksburg, Va. Issue:

(1) Mary Newton, died June 19, 1896, age 5 weeks.
(2) Lillian Templeman Brockenbrough, b. Mar. 30, 1898.
(3) Christine Fauntleroy, b. Dec. 18, 1900.
(4) Judith Newton, b. July 6, 1904, Cumberland, Md.

"D-2. LILLIAN TEMPLEMAN BROCKENBROUGH CLAYBROOK m. Feb. 7, 1942, William Edward Biscoe. She was graduated from National Cathedral School, Washington, D.C. They reside at 'Willbrook Farm,' Fredericksburg, Va.

"D-3. CHRISTINE FAUNTLEROY CLAYBROOK m. 1st, Oct. 29, 1927, Walter Randolph Tayloe; m. 2nd, Dec. 20, 1941, Orin Miles Bullock, Jr. Commander Bullock, U.S.N.R.,is now on active duty at the Norfolk Naval Operating Base. He is an architect by profession, having received his degree from Harvard. She was graduated from Hartrige School, Plainfield, N.J.

"D-4. JUDITH NEWTON CLAYBROOK m. Aug. 31, 1929, Clarence Daniel Wheeler, b. Oct. 5, 1904. He received his degree from the University of Illinois and was commissioned a Lieut. in the Army Air Corps. He is now a Colonel in the U.S. Air Force and is on the staff of the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va. She was graduated from Hartridge School and attended Vassar. Their summer home is at Mundy Point, Northumberland Co., Va. Issue: Robert Clews, 2nd, b. Nov. 22, 1935.

B-4. HENRY LAWSON DAMERON m. Maria Dobyns of Richmond County, Va. He served in the C.S. Army and was wounded in the Battle of Manassas. Issue:

(1) Lula.
(2) Henrian, died in childhood.

MATERNAL ANCESTRY OF JAMES ALBERT DAMERON

"JAMES ALBERT DAMERON'S DESCENT FROM COL. WILLIAM BALL OF 'MILLENBECK.'

1. Col. Wm. Ball, m. Hannah Atherold, 1638, in London, England.
2. Col. Joseph Ball, b. 1649, of 'Epping Forest.'
3. Ann Ball, 1681-1763, md. Col. Edwin Conway, their dau. being:
4. Mary Conway m. Thomas Gaskins, of 'Gascony,'; their dau. being:
5. Sarah Ann Gaskins m. Dr. Joseph McAdam, 1744; their dau. being:
6. Anne McAdam m. Thomas Keene; their dau. being:
7. Jane (Janetta) Keene b. Apr. 19, 1791, m. Apr. 18, 1822, Charles Dameron; their son being:
8. James Albert Dameron b. Mar. 4, 1832; d. Jan. 9, 1919; m. Mary Ann Courtney, Dec. 10, 1858.

"JAMES ALBERT DAMERON'S DESCENT FROM THOMAS KEENE AND MARY, OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND:

1. Thomas Keene m. Mary _____.
2. William Keene b. Kent County, Maryland, Mar. 10, 1642; d. Feb. 8, 1684, Northumberland County, Va. m. Elizabeth Rogers, dau. of John Rogers, Gent. and Ellen, of 'Cypress Farm', Northumberland County, Va.
3. William Keene, b. Sept. 11, 1665; d. Oct. 4, 1700; m. Anne.
4. William Keene, b. Dec. 10, 1695; m. Elizabeth Ball, b. Mar. 16, 1701-2, dau. of Major James Ball of 'Bewdley.'
5. Capt. Newton Keene b. Sept. 6, 1725, m. Apr. 14, 1749, Sarah Edwards.
6. Thomas Keene b. Mar.5, 1756, m. Anne McAdam.
7. Jane (Janetta) Keene b. Apr. 19, 1791, m. Apr. 18, 1822, Charles Dameron.
8. James Albert Dameron, b. Mar. 4, 1832.

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"JAMES ALBERT DAMERON'S DESCENT FROM THOMAS GASKOYNE (GASKINS), ORIGINALLY GASKOYNE OR GASCOYNE:

"THOMAS GASKOYNE CAME to Virginia in the Bona Nova and was 34 years old in 1625. He settled in Northumberland County, Va.

1. Josias Gaskins, who had a son Thomas and one Josias who m. Dorothy Dameron, second generation of Dameron.

2. Thomas Gaskins.

3. Thomas Gaskins m. Martha Pinkard.

4. Thomas Gaskins m. Mary Conway, dau. of Col. Edwin Conway and Ann Ball, dau. of Col. Joseph Ball of 'Epping Forest.'

5. Sarah Anne Gaskins m. Dr. Joseph McAdam.

6. Anne McAdam m. Thomas Keene.

7. Jane (Janetta) Keene m. Charles Dameron, Apr. 18, 1822.

8. James Albert Dameron m. Mary Ann Courtney Dec. 10, 1858."

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(Note by H.F.S.--In a letter to me, Julia Dameron Old wrote: "I am looking at some letters dating from 1835, written by James' brother, John Newton Thomas Gaskins Edwards Keene, to my great uncle, Joseph McAdam Dameron, son of Charles. In the letters he frequently mentions Mary and your brothers, Jane Barnes and her family, Thomas, William and Geo. Oldham, my sister, Elizabeth Beacham, cousin Thomas Oldham, Thomas Beacham, etc. I feel sure that Roger was the son of William and Elizabeth."

I had a letter from Julia Dameron Old in which she went into further explanation on this family of Charles Dameron of Northumberland, for which she did the genealogy. She said: "My two nephews, Zachariah Courtney Dameron, Jr. and Broun Conway Dameron are also directly descended through their mother, Mary Broun Atwill Dameron, from Col. William Ball and Dr. Joseph McAdam, whose daughter, Jane, married William Broun, and through Mary Broun Atwill, who through the Baileys was a direct descendant of Col. William Ball. Mary Broun Atwill Dameron's great-uncle, William Ball Bailey, lived at the 'Great House,' the oldest house in Kinsale. This village was founded in 1705 by act of the Burgesses. The Courtney house was next oldest. I had a photostatic copy of the records in Joseph McAdams Dameron's Bible and some of the descendants of Charles are complete strangers to me. My brother-in-law, Alpheus Wilson Embrey, Jr., is a lineal descendant of Charles Yates who laid out the city of Fredericksburg. Wilson's mother was Anne Burwell Yates and she married Alpheus Wilson Embrey.

"Jane Keene was born Apr. 19, 1791. Her father, Thomas Keene, and her grandfather, Dr. Joseph McAdam, were both officers in the Revolutionary War. I have proof for all this.

"My father, Frank Abner Dameron was partner in five canneries in Westmoreland, and was in business with his cousin."

This family is interested in Virginia history and some of them are members of the Virginia Society for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, the Kenmore Association, the theNorthern Neck Historical Society.

Mrs. Old painted a coat of arms of the Damerons for Miss Julia Dameron of Warrenton, N.C. and for a Mr. Dameron of W.L.W. Station, Cincinnati, Ohio. She also had a letter from A. Max Coppege, 1200 Fairfax, Radford, Va. who said that "Across from Cobb's Hall were the Hardings, then the Balls, of Bay View, the Damerons, the Coppeges, and then the Haynies." This refersto the Dameron estate in Northumberland. Mrs. Cornelius wrote to me that"the home of Lawrence Dameron was Gascoyne, while he owned all the land down there to the marshes, his son inherited Guarding Point." We note that the will of George Bledsoe refers to his line adjoining that of Thomas Dameron, Jr., hence it would also be next to the Dameron estate.

Max Coppedge (as it is spelled in the old records, or Coppege, as he spelled it apparently) sent a chart of his connection with the Damerons as follows:

Capt. George Ball m. Grace Haynie
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Sarah m. Christopher Dameron — Grace m. Downman
: — :
: — :
Elizabeth Dameron m. John Coppege and went to Fauquier County, Va. — Mary m. John Coppege
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William Coppege had a daughter Patience who m. Joseph Dameron

2. ONESIPHOROUS DAMERON OF WICOMICO PARISH

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON OF Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, Virginia.

II. THOMAS DAMERON who married Sarah Bledsoe? This is not entirely certain.

III. ONESIPHEROUS DAMERON had a will of Feb. 8, 1762, Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, Virginia, in Will Book 5, p. 495. It mentions his wife but does not give her name, leaves his plantation to his son Isaac, mentions sons Maurice and Edmond, the residue to go to "six of my sons." His friend William Angel is also mentioned. The sons mentioned were:

1. Isaac, heir to the plantation. Isaac Dameron and his wife Mary made a deed to Joseph Nutt, witnesses Mosely Nutt, Joseph Hurst and Rene Napier. It was dated Aug. 8, 1764, recorded Aug. 13, 1764, Book 6, p. 448, Northumberland County.

2. Maurice. In N.C.?

3. Edmond.

4. Edward.

5. Jacob, w. Mary, had daughter born Dec. 1, 1775, St. Stephen's Parish. Jacob was in the Revolution.

6. Onesiphorous, m. Mary.

7. Abraham, probably the one in the Revolutionary records of Northumberland.

8. Thomas. Thomas O. Dameron in Northumberland m. Judith Clarke 22 Aug. 1827, security William R. Holliday. The 1790 Census, Edenton Dist., Pasquotank Co., N.C. p 27 has Thomas Dameron, with 1 male over 16, same page as Onesephrous.

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The Report of the State Librarian of Virginia,"Revolutionary Soldiers of Virginia,"by Eckenrode, lists as petitioners from Northumberland Jesse, Joshua, Thomas, ~~xxxxx~~ and Abraham Dameron (Dec. 15, 1780), and Jacob,p. 178. Gwathmey's "Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution, 1938, lists the following Damerons:

Jesse, 5th Continental Line
Abraham, Northumberland Co. petitioner.
Jacob " " "
Jesse Sgt. Inf. nbll
Thomas, seamen, Navy
Jesse (Dammaron) 5 Continental Line (same as above)
Joseph, Navy E.
George, Morgan's Riflemen
James (Damron) 4th Continental
Joshua, seamen Navy
Thomas, Northumberland Co. in Capt. George Ingram's Co. recommended to be Ensign Apr. 9, 1781.
George (fifer) 6th Continental
John 2 Virginia State Regiment
John 9th Continental Line

In his Revolutionary War Records, V. 1, p. 235, we find these Damerons listed by Brumbaugh: Jacob 5296 Ohio, Private, 3 years service #5296, Continental Line Warrants, p. 423; Jesse Dameron, Sergeant Inf. Bounty Land Warrants"List of Virginia State Line Not Yet Receiving Bounty Land for Revolutionary Services." P. 234 has Jesse, "infantry soldier." There are four listings for Thomas, all in the Navy, one on the "Protector" 1776, one on the "Tempest" 1779, one with Dennis Dameron as warrantee.

The finding of another son of Lawrence, the immigrant, named Samuel, brings up the possibility that he was the father of Onesipherous and that his wife was a Harvey, of the Onesipherous Harvey line. The fact that he names a son Maurice made me think there was some connection with the Maurice Jones line. Maurice Jones is referred to in Christopher Garlington's will of 1709 as "brother Maurice Jones" hence must have been married to his sister.

In the will of Thomas Heath, June 6, 1726, rec. July 20, 1726 (Northumberland County, Va. Book 1726-29, p. 13.) there are mentioned his daughters Betty and Mary Heath, wife Winnifred Heath, executors, wife Winnifred Heath, brother Samuel Heath, brother-in-law Maurice Jones. Wit. Bartho. Schriver (cannotread this name), Samuel Garlington.

Mrs. Cornelius also found the will of Maurice Jones, Jan. 2, 1726, Rec. May 17, 1727 (Northumberland County, Va., Book 1726-29, p. 38): "To Capt. William Heath all my land, if he die without Issue to Capt. John Heath. To Cosens Wm. Heath my negro James; rest of my estate to be divided among my cosens (nieces and nephews) John Heath, Eliza Heath, and Mary Heath. Wit. Roger Winter, Wm. (M) Porter (his mark.)

Mrs. Cornelius at the same time looked up a deed which may indicate when William Dameron moved to St. Stephens' parish. It is in Northumberland County, Va. Book 4, p. 209, Feb. 23, 1758: "William Mahanes and wife Elizabeth convey to William Dameron 50 acres for the sum of 59 pounds Currt. Money of Virginia. Scituate lying and being in St. Stephens Parish of Northumberland County on a branchrunning into Matoponie (Matopony) River which was purchased from Travis Downman and Grace his wife, deed dated Sept. 10, 1757, which land Travis Downman purchased from John Harford and Eliza. his wife deed dated Dec. 7;, 1751; John Harford purchased of Thos. Ginn, the younger, deed dated Aug. 6, 1751. William Mahanes (S), Eliza. Mahanes (S), Wit. William Bailey, Robert Clark."

We find no reason to think that Onesipherous and William were brothers.

The ancestry of Onesipherous if descended from Samuel would then be:

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON and wife Dorothy, of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, Virginia. (Maxim Coppage has a theory that Dorothy was related to Dorothy Nicholls Downman and John Nichols of Corotoman (see p. 51-G. There was a Hancock Nicles or Nickless and a John is several of the Damron early wills, and it is not unlikely there was some connection. Mrs. Frank Byram of the Institute of American Genealogy in Chicago, of which I am a member, could find no relation of Dorothy to the Byrams in her genealogy, though she had one Dorothy in it.)

II. SAMUEL, a lost son found by Louise H. Dameron in the Calendar of Virginia State Papers I, p. 14, "On April 14, 1683, a petition was presented from Peter Knight, John Waddy, John Taylor and Christopher Garlington, Vestrymen; and SAMUEL, George and Bartholomew Dameron, Church Wardens, to Lord Culpeper, requesting him to re-instate Mr. Charles Dacres, the rector of Yecomico Church." (See page 12-Supplement.) Samuel's wife may have been a daughter of Onesipherous Harvey to account for using this given name.

III. ONESIPHOROUS DAMERON, Will 1762, of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, Va. married possibly a daughter of Maurice Jones, as a son was named Maurice, but no proof has been found of this.

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ONESIPHEROUS DAMERON JR. AND MARY DAMERON

ONESIPHEROUS DAMERON JR. son of Onesipherous, Will 1762, had his will proved Oct. 14, 1782, in Northumberland, mentioning wife Mary, daughter Mary, daughter Nanny Kellum, son Jesse. (Book II, p. 284.) We find that Onesipherous Dameron Jr. is mentioned in the Will of Onesephorous Harvey in 1732, the Quaker who married Dorothy Gaskins, daughter of Dorothy Dameron and Josias Gaskins and granddaughter of the first Lawrence Dameron who came over in 1652. The will of Mary Dameron of 1794 mentions grandson Holland Parkleson Dameron, heir to her land, then under age,"children of my son Jesse Dameron deceased," grandson John Blenford, daughter Nanny Kellum, daughter Mary Blenford.

From the use of the name, we may assume that the mother of Onesipherous Dameron was the daughter of Onesipherous Harvey, who was a Quaker as also was his wife, Dorothy Dameron.

1. Jesse Dameron, son of Onesipherous and Mary Dameron. He was in the 5th Continental Line in the Revolution from Northumberland, and died before his mother's will of 1794. His wife was probably the daughter of Holland Parkleson, as a son received this peculiar name, named Barbara. The Will of Jesse Dameron dated April 3, 1790, was proved Oct. 11, 1790, mentioning his wife Barbara, all the estate to be divided equally among his children.

(1) Holland Parkleson Dameron.

2. Nanny m. Kellum.

3. Mary m. Blenford and had a son John, not of age in 1794.

4. Onesipherous Dameron. In 1799 Onesiphorous Dameron had his will proved in Norfolk County, Virginia, in Norfolk City, Martha Dameron administrator of the estate. (Will Book 2, p. 104-7.) He also had land in 1790 in Pasquotank County, North Carolina. It is likely that he was a Quaker as this region was one where the Quakers went. The 1790 Census Edenton District, Pasquotank Co., N.C. showed Onesephrous Dameron "living in Virginia," with 8 "other free persons, p. 27. On the same page was Thomas with 1 male over 16.
Marion Damron Cropper found in the Norfolk City Records 1797-1850: p. 50, Oney S. Dameron m. Miss Alice Herbert, 28 March, 1812; Wm. Dameron m. Miss Sarah E. Shipp 30 Aug. 1845, p.178; James Dameron m. Miss Ann Dancker 22 Feb. 1825 (by Rev. John French, Methodist), p. 100; David Dey m. Mrs. Mary Dameron 17 Dec. 1838, p. 153; Crocker Hardin m. Miss Francis Dameron, 2 Apr. 1823, James Dameron,security, p. 94; Clarke Hitchcock m. Miss Florinda Dameron 2 Jan. 1828, p. 112.

Mariam Damron Cropper also found in the Bedford County Records, Virginia, "Present at the camp on Gwyn's Island 26 May, 1776, My Lord's company--Jesse Dameron." (p. 34, V. 5, Va. N2.) Other Dameron in Bedford were William, Malachi, Samuel after 1789.

a. WILL OF ONESEPHORUS HARVEY, LANCASTER COUNTY, 1732

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I Onesephorus Harvey of the parish of Saint Marys Whitechappel in the County of Lancaster being very Sick and weak but of Sound and Perfect Memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following, Imp^{rs}: I give my soul into the hands of my most mercifull redeemer in hopes of the pardon and remission of my sins and my body to the earth its original and as for what estate it has pleased God to give me I give and bequeath as Followeth, Viz. Viz. Imp^{rs}: I give and bequeath my negro woman named Kate to my brother William Harvey and to his heirs forever; Item I give to my sister Rebecca Harvey my negro girl named Nann to her and to her heirs forever. Item I give unto my Brother Tho. Harvey my negro boy named Dick to him and his heirs forever; Item I give to Onesephorus Dameron Junr. one cow and calf. Item, it is my will that all the rest of my estate of what kind so ever it be after my debts and funeral expences be paid, I give to my brother William & Thomas and my Sister Rebecca Harvey Equally to be divided between them and I do hereby appoint my brother William Harvey my whole and sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament. In Withess whereof I have here unto set my hand and Seal this 14th day of May, 1732.

Signed Sealed and Published in Presence of — ONESEPHORUS HARVEY (SEAL)

John Selden
William Chilton

"At a Court held for Lancaster County on the 13th day of Sept. 1732, This will was proved in open Court by the oaths of John _____ and William Chilton, Witness thereto and admitted to record and is Recorded.

Teste S. Edwards Cl. Court.

(Note: This is in Lancaster County Deeds and Wills, 12, 1726-1736, p. 224.)

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WILL OF MARY DAMERON OF NORTHUMBERLAND, 1794

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I Mary Dameron, being weak in body, but of perfect & sound memory and speech, after recommending my body to its kindred earth, and my soul to that omnipotent Creator who gave it existance do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament.--Imprimis--The land whereon I now live I give and bequeath unto my grandson Holland Parkleson Dameron together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging for his natural life. But until the said Holland Parkleson Dameron arrives at the age of twenty one years it is my will and desire that the land should be rented out and the money equally divided between all the children of my son Jesse Dameron deceased, and in case of the said Holland Parkleson Dameron's having lawful issue arriving to the age of twenty-one years, then to him the said Holland Parkleson Dameron and his Heirs for ever, but in case that he the said Holland Parkleson Dameron die without such lawful issue then to my grandson John Blenford if he arrives to the age of twenty one years, but if he should die in infancy, then the land to be sold, and the money distributed in equal proportions amongst the children of my daughter Nanny Kellum. Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Blenford my negroe woman by the name of

vii. CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE DAMERON AND BALL FAMILIES

The Damerons intermarried several times with the Ball family of Virginia in Northumberland and Lancaster Counties and were therefore related to the mother of George Washington, Mary Ball Washington.

1. ANN BALL (POPE) AND COL. THOMAS DAMERON

I have not been able to find any record of Ann Ball, the widow of John Pope, who married Col. Thomas Dameron as his third wife, and had a son George, who inherited the estate, and a daughter Ann who married in 1764, Thomas Waddy, "a second cousin." One record says Ann Ball(Pope)Dameron also had a youngest son Thomas, but I am sure this is an error. Anne Ball Pope Dameron died 1764. Her husband, Thomas Dameron, was the son of George Dameron b. about 1640, who was the son of Lawrence Dameron, the first one of the family in Northumberland County. The son of Ann Ball (Pope) Dameron, George, inherited the Dameron estate at Guarding Point, married Mary Ann Jones about 1762-3 and their descendants continued to live on the old estate in Wicomico until it was acquired in 1849 by John Hopkins Harding. Heck does not mention an Ann Ball who married a Pope or Dameron. He has Anne Ball b. 1686 m. Col. Edwin Conway, she being No. 13 in his genealogy of the Ball family, dau. of Joseph Ball and Elizabeth Romney. He also has the daughter of Major James Ball No. 3 and Elizabeth Howson, No. 11: "Anne b. 1700; m. _____ Downman." Her father, James, b. 1678, was son of William Ball and his second wife. "Hayden is of the opinion that he married first a daughter of James Williamson, of Rappahannock County. Her name appears to be either Margaret or Mary. Other members of the Ball family insisted that he married a Miss Harris, but she was likely to have been a second wife as Hayden believes. Both wives died prior to 1675, when he married Margaret Downman." See p. 35 of Heck.

There is a good deal of confusion about the Sarah Ball who married Christopher Dameron and the Ann Ball who married Col. Thomas Dameron and had a son George, vestryman at Wicomico. I believe there were two sisters, Ann and Sarah, though Ann is not listed in the genealogies and Sarah is given as marrying _____ Dameron. In this case Ann would be daughter of George Ball and Grace Haynie, daughter of Sarah Harris Haynie who married second, Francis Waddy, as cleared up by Mrs. J.H. Cornelius. This Ball family lived in Wicomico next to the Damron estate. Few genealogies can keep track of all their daughters, and just because Ann is not listed in the Ball research does not mean that she did not exist by any means. The fact that her daughter Ann is said to have married Thomas Waddy, a "second cousin," may be part of this mythology of the mother Sarah who married Francis Waddy, but is listed in the genealogies as having the name Waddy and her daughter Grace is erroneously named Waddy too. Hence this confusion is proof that Ann Ball (Pope) Dameron was a daughter of Grace Haynie (not Waddy) Ball.

Hayden's Virginia Genealogies are no longer accepted without proofs, and he is quite confused on the George Ball family. I talked with Mrs. Chidester T. Pierce in Nuttsville, Lancaster County, Virginia, who lives just across the road from the home of Mary Ball Washington, Epping Forest, and she looked up this account in Hayden which I wrote down as she read it to me.

We note also that a Thomas Dameron m. Ann Ball, April 10, 1797, David Ball, Jr. security, Northumberland.

2. SARAH BALL AND CHRISTOPHER DAMERON

Hayden says George Ball b. 1680 or 1683 went to Northumberland County, md. (1) about 1714 _____ Haynie, daughter of Sarah Haynie. Richard Haynie was a burgess in 1697 and John Waddy was a vestryman of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland. George md. second before 1745, Grace Waddy, dau. of Sarah Waddy, died 1752,her sons being named in the Will prob. 1752, Book 2, p. 78, Northumberland County Records--George, John, David, Richard, Joseph, and daughter Harris Downman. He notes that Capt. Ball may have married only once as his mother-in-law may have married twice, Sarah Haynie. On Oct. 17, 1744, George Ball has a gift deed of land from his mother-in-law Sarah Haynie, and later bought of his mother-in-law Sarah Waddy. In 1729-1731-41, George Ball was Justice and in 1743 was sworn as Sheriff of Northumberland County at the county court. Children from the Wills of George and Grace Ball were: (1) John, left children and wife Margaret, will dated 1750, prob. 1751, April 8, Northumberland County,mentioning father Capt. George Ball, brothers David, Richard and Joseph and oldest daughter Sarah. (In May 1751 she chose Joseph Ball as guardian so she was at least 14 years of age then, this being the age at which a guardian may be chosen. He was her uncle.)

Hayden says Capt. David, son of above George Ball b. 1680 or 1683, and wife Sarah Haynie or Waddy, died 1770. He says their son George had a will dated June 29, 1770, probated Oct. 8, 1770, in Northumberland County, Book 8, p. 73, which names father Capt. George Ball, mother Grace, brothers Joseph, Richard and David, wife Ann, sister Grace Downman, grandson David Ball, Jr., the children were David, Thomas, Sarah, Martha, Mary Taylor. (Could Ann be the daughter of this Ann Ball?)

Hayden then adds that Joseph, son of Capt. George Ball and Sarah Haynie or Waddy, died 1779, and his sister Sarah married a Dameron and had (1) George Dameron, vestryman of Wicomico Parish in 1770. Note that there were two David Balls, cousins, one m. about 1760 Hannah Haynie, this being Capt. David Ball, son of the brother of Sarah who m. Dameron.

As we see, Sarah married Christopher Dameron and as a widow moved to Brunswick County, Va., with her sons, while it was Ann Ball, widow of Pope, who married Thomas Dameron and had the son George who was vestryman, 1731-1801. This George Dameron was the grandson of Capt. George Ball, who lived at Bay View in Wicomico, Capt. George Ball being the first cousin of Mary Ball Washington.

3. SARAH BALL AND JOSEPH DAMERON OF CASWELL COUNTY, N.C.

There was also a Sarah Ball, oldest daughter of John Ball, will 1751. Also Capt. David Ball died 1770 had a daughter Sarah mentioned in his will. The Sarah who m. Christopher Dameron had had nine children by 1764 when her husband died. Jennie Harding Cornelius says this Sarah was the daughter of George Ball and Grace Haynie. The DAR Lineage Book B. 136, p. 139, says: "Joseph Dameron m. 1780 Sarah Ball. Joseph Dameron 1763-1834 served as a private in the Virginia Navy from 1779-80, from Northumberland County, Va. where he was born. He died in Caswell County, N.C." Could this Sarah Ball have been one of the daughters above mentioned of John Ball, 1751 will, or Capt. David Ball, will 1770? Joseph's son Bartholomew 1775-1847 m. Rebecca Malone in 1798, 1781-1851.

While we are on this subject, Mrs. Pierce said Mrs. Alfred I. Dupont was also descended from Capt. George Ball, in the same line as Sarah Ball, and had helped with the Lancaster Centennial just celebrated in 1952.

4. MARY MOORE AND GEORGE BALL DAMERON

The same family is probably to be found in the midst of this confusion in the following taken from American Ancestry, V. 4, p. 58: "James Palatine Dameron b. Caswell Co., N.C., moved to Mo., 1830, Randolph County, with parents. Son of Wm. Moore Dameron of Mt. Airy, Mo., b. Caswell Co., 1799, who was the son of George Ball Dameron of Randolph County, Mo., b. Brunswick Co., Va. 1771, Methodist, married 1799, Mary Moore whose mother was a Ball and related to George Washington; son of Joseph Dameron of Hanover, Va., at battle of Guilford Court House in Revolutionary Army, father a Huguenot came from France abt. 1700 settled at Monaskin above Richmond, Va." Jennie Harding Cornelius says there was only one Dameron family, not another Huguenot family, and that this Joseph was related to the Brunswick County Damerons. Mrs. Pierce knows the history of Monaskon, which is near Millenbeck in Lancaster, where the Ball family originated and she never heard of any Dameron there. Monaskon is the estate of the Fox family of Hannah Ball b. 1650, daughter of the first Ball, who married Capt. David Fox July 22, 1670. James Ball, brother of Capt. George Ball of Wicomico, m. as his third wife Mary Ann Bertrand Ballantine, daughter of the French Huguenots Rev. Bertrand and Lady Bertrand. It is possible that a Joseph Dameron was at Monaskon as a tutor or in some capacity in which he did not own land hence left no land records. The above reference says "Monaskin" above Richmond. This would refer to Manakin, the Huguenot settlement, where in 1714 there were 300 in the colony, but I could not find any Dameron in any of their records. William and Mary Quarterly, p. 242, has an item on Monaskon describing the Fox family. Mrs. Pierce told me of the Bertrand connection.

Mary Ball Washington's father, Joseph, left no descendants in the male line.

5. CHARLES DAMERON AND JANE KEENE, GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER OF ANN BALL CONWAY

The descendants of Charles Dameron and Jane Keene of Northumberland County, Virginia, are descended from Ann Ball, daughter of Col. Joseph Ball, of Epping Forest, and granddaughter of William Ball of Millenbeck, the first one.

The following is copied from the records of Julia Dameron Old, Bod 303, Virginia Beach, Virginia:

I. Col. William Ball who married Hannah Atherold or Atherall July 2, 1638, in London, England, and whose children were all born in England. Richard died 1677. William b. 1641 died 1694. Joseph b. 1649 d. 1711. Hannah b. 1650.

II. Col. Joseph Ball b. May 24, 1649, d. June, 1711, of Epping Forest, md. first Elizabeth Romney and second, Mary Montague Johnson, mother of Mary, mother of George Washington. One of their daughters was Ann 1681-1763 who married Col. Edwin Conway, third generation of Lancaster County, Va.

III. Ann Ball, above, daughter of Col. Joseph Ball, b. 1649, married Col. Edwin Conway. Their daughter Mary married Thomas Gaskins, fourth generation, Northumberland County, Va., and her daughter was Sarah Ann Gaskins.

IV. Mary Conway, above, who married Thomas Gaskins, had a daughter Sarah Ann Gaskins, who married Dr. Joseph McAdams July 11, 1744, and had a dau. Anne.

V. Sarah Ann Gaskins, m. Dr. Joseph McAdams, and had daughter Anne.

VI. Anne McAdams, above, md. Thomas Keene and had a daughter Jane b. Apr. 19, 1791, who married Charles Dameron, April 18, 1822, their son being James Albert Dameron. Charles Dameron died 1847. The marriage bond was Apr. 17, 1822, Northumberland County, Va.

VII. Jane Keene, above, b. April 19, 1791, m. Charles Dameron, April 18, 1822, Northumberland County, Va. He died 1847.

VIII. James Albert Dameron, son of Charles and Jane Keene Dameron, b. Mar. 4, 1832, d. Jan. 9, 1919, md. Mary Ann Courtney Dec. 10, 1858, b. Mar. 1, 1838, d. Nov. 4, 1924. Their children were Walton Alexander, Frank Abner, James Oscar, Harry Albert, Lydia Ann and Mary Ruth Dameron. One of their descendants is Mrs. Henry Jeter Edmonds, Kilmarnock, Va. and another is Mrs. H.C. Old. Mrs. Oscar Dameron still lives at Weems, Va.

In the book by E.L.W. Heck, Colonel William Ball, no Mary Conway is listed. However, these genealogies are some of them still incomplete. Also she may have first married someone else. A Mary Ball, dau. of Major James Ball b. 1721 md. Col. Richard Seldon. Hayden has Mary Conway Dangerfield, widow, who was the second wife of James Ball b. cir. 1678 and the mother of all his children except the first three. Their daughter Mary b. 1721 m. Col. Richard Seldon. Elizabeth Ball b. 1701-2 m. William Keene, who was the second daughter of above James Ball and his first wife Elizabeth Howson. Heck gives the following genealogy of this branch:

I. COL. WILLIAM BALL who married Hannah Atherall or Atherold in London July 2, 1638, and had sons Richard, William and Joseph and daughter Hannah who md. Capt. David Fox.

II. JOSEPH BALL b. May 25, 1649, d. June, 1711, m. (i) 1675 Elizabeth Romney; (ii) Mrs. Mary Johnson. By Mary Johnson he had an only child, Mary, mother of George Washington. He left no male line of descendants. Joseph Ball lived at Epping Forest and was a Lieutenant-Colonel, vestryman of the church, etc. and is buried beside his two wives at Epping Forest in Lancaster County, Va. Mary Ball b. 1707-8, d. Aug. 25, 1789, m. March 6, 1730-1, Augustine Washington, and had children:

(1) George Washington, oldest, b. Feb. 11, 1731-2, who married Jan. 6, 1759, Martha Dandridge, daughter of John, and widow of Daniel Parke Custis. George had no children.
(2) Betty b. June 20, 1733, m. Col. Fielding Lewis and lived at Kenmore, Fredericksburg, near her mother as a widow.
(3) Samuel b. Nov. 16, 1734, m. (i) Jane Champe and (ii) Mildred Thornton, and (iii) Lucy Chapman.
(4) John Augustine b.Jan. 13, 1736, m. Hannah Bushrod, and left his estate at Mt. Vernon to his brother George Washington.

The children of Joseph Ball and Elizabeth Romney are given by Heck thus:

1. Hannah b. cir. 1683, m. Raleigh Travers.
2. Elizabeth b. cir. 1685 m. The Rev. John Carnegie.
3. Esther b. 1686 m. Raleigh Chinn.
4. Anne b. 1686 m. Colonel Edwin Conway.
5. Joseph b. March 11, 1689, m. Frances Ravenscroft.

III. ANNE BALL b. 1686 md. Colonel Edwin Conway and had children:

1. Ann b. cir. 1700; m. Robert Edmonds.
2. Elizabeth b. cir. 1702; m. May 5th, 1724, Christopher Garlington; their daughter Elizabeth m. Peter Spencer Hack.
3. Agatha b. cir. 1710; m. Cuthbert Spann.
4. Peter b. cir. 1712; m. (i) Elizabeth Spann; (ii) Betty Lee. 5. George, m. Anne Heath. 6. Hannah b. cir. 1724, m. Tunstall Hack.

PART ONE: CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE DAMERON AND BALL FAMILIES.

Julia Dameron Old sent the following notes on the Dameron-Ball connections, from Virginia Genealogies (Virkus? Hayden?): "Thomas Dameron m. 1730 his third wife, Ann, widow of John Pope and dau. of Capt. Geo. Ball. Capt. Geo. Ball, son of Capt. Wm. Ball, was born about 1680. Capt. William Ball was grandfather of Mary Ball Washington. Lawrence[1], George[2], Thomas[3], George[4] b. 173__, the second son of Col. Thomas Dameron inherited 'Guarding Point' plantation."

Mrs. Old did not have the reference for the following: "Major James Ball of Bewdley m. 1699 Elizabeth Howson, 2nd child, Elizabeth b. Mar. 16, 1701-2, m. Nov. 2, 1721, William Keene.

"Col. John Bushrod b. Jan. 30, 1663, m. Hannah, the dau. of Wm. Keene of Northumberland, and Elizabeth, his wife."

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Ruth Damron Dorius wrote that she had seen a pamphlet by Alfred Speer Dameron, "he traced his line from Thomas--son of Lawrence. His data lining up the early generations corresponds with your work. He lines up the Ball family as follows:

"First generation: Capt. Wm. Ball, born ____, died 11-1680; wife, Hannah Atheroll.

"Second generation: Col. James Ball, 1678-1754; wife, Mary Conway Ball, 1730.

"Third generation: Col. James, 2nd son, (1718-1789); Judathan, 4th son, (1725-49), James Jr., Jessie Ball (1716-1747). Capt. David Ball 6th son and a twin bro. James 1686-1732. Mary Ann Ball 1689-1750 (60 yrs.) Joseph Ball, 4th son of Capt. Wm. Ball and father of Mary, mother of George Washington.

"Capt. George Ball 1680-1746, 1st marriage 1700-01; issue: Capt. Geo. Ball (Ann Ball, first married Pope then Capt. Thomas Dameron); 2nd marriage, issue: Sarah Ball, by his wife Grace Haynie Waddy; Sarah Ball married Christopher Dameron.)"

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We may add here the ancestry of George Washington: I. John Washington, of Tewitfield, Warton, Lancashire, m. Margaret d. of Robert Kitson, of Warton Hall. II. Lawrence Washington, to whom Henry VIII granted Sulgrave Manor, Northamptonshire, died 1585, m. Amy d. of Robert Pargiter. Their son was: III. Robert Washington, d. 1619, of Sulgrave, m. Elizabeth d. of Robert Light. Their son was: IV. Lawrence Washington, d. 1616, m. Margaret d. of William Butler. Their children were: 1. Sir William Washington of Packington. 2. Sir John Washington of Thrapston. 3. Rev. Lawrence Washington (4thson), b. about 1662, Rector of Purliegh, Essex, m. Amphillis Rhoads, Boudon or Twigden. Their sons were: (1) John Washington, b. 1634, went to Virginia about 1657, died 1677, m. Ann. dau. of Nathaniel Pope of Virginia. Their son was: (a) Lawrence Washington d. 1697, m. Mildred Warner; their son was: (a) Augustine Washington m. first Jane Butler. Died 1729. M. second, Mary Ball. Their son was: George Washington b. 1732, d. 1799. Also (2) Lawrence Washington, son of Rev. Lawrence, went to Virginia about 1657 with his brother. The early name was Wessyngton of Durham County. The arms were three stars on a shield with two bard, which looks very much like the American shield adopted after the Revolution, which Washington had a hand in - designing. It is the same stars and stripes, and also had an eagle over it. See p. 9 of Washington by J.D. Sawyer. Sulgrave is near the ancestral homes of Franklin, William Penn and the Adams family in England.

6. THE HISTORY OF THE BALL FAMILY OF VIRGINIA ANCESTORS OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

Jennie Harding Cornelius sent me a little book by Earl L.W. Heck, called Colonel William Ball of Virginia, The Great-Grandfather of Washington, published 1928, S.W. Dutton, 103 Newgate Street, London. It is considered authoritative. Heck says:

"The surname Ball, according to the best authorities, dates from Norman times and is a shortened form of Baldwin, which family were for many generations Counts of Flanders. In fact, William the Conqueror married Matilda, the daughter of Baldwin VIII . . . Colonel Ball did bring with him to Virginia an illuminated parchment on which was engraved the Coat of Arms of his family . . . a rampant lion holding a globe in his paw, a helmet and shield, a vizor strong, and a coat of mail and other emblems of strength and courage . . . Colonel William Ball, who came from England with his family, about the year 1650 and settled at the mouth of Corotoman River in Lancaster Co., Va. . . . Besides William, five other men bearing the same surname came to America prior to 1650. A Robert Ball was on the Eastern Shore in 1623, Richard Ball came to America in the 'George' in 1619. Another Richard Ball is mentioned as living in Elizabeth City, Va. in 1627, and was probably the same as the one mentioned above. Still another Richard Ball came in the transport, 'Assurance' in 1635 to Virginia . . . There has been, it appears, a tradition of long standing in the family of Alling Ball that originally three brothers came to America, not all at once, butat different intervals, and that two of them settled in Virginia . . . Hayden . . . is of the opinion that Colonel William was the youngest brother of a family of five who came to America. Of these, Richard, the eldest, and William came to Virginia, and John, Francis and Alling went to New England... It seems very probable that the Rev. Richard Ball, Vicar of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, was the father of Richard and William Ball of Virginia and Alling Ball of Connecticut . . . Wright is of the opinion that one of Colonel Ball's elder brothers was John Ball of Kent, who made a name for himself on account of his piety." (See pp. 1-23.) It mentions that Richard Ball was educated at Oxford, and in 1613 resigned his Professorship at Oxford and 'was succeeded in the Vicarage of St. Helen's by Mr. Thomas Downing.' The net opinion is that the ancestor of Washington was a younger son of this Richard Ball 'of the Northamptonshire bra ch.'

"Hayden asserts . . . that Colonel Ball was married July 2nd, 1638, in London to Miss Hannah Atherall or Atherold, the daughter of Thomas Atherold, a barrister-at-law, who was living at Gray's Inn during 1610-11. He appears to have been the son of Thomas Atherold, of Burgh, Suffolk, and was born about 1590; his mother was Mary Vessey. Hannah Atherold's mother was Mary Harvey, a daughter of John Harvey, of London. (Foster's Collections."

(Note by H.F.S. Not only was George Washington the perfect gentleman of the American tradition but also he came of the best English families, and in the Library of Congress is a chart showing his descent from some nine of the barons who forced King John to sign Magna Charta. Also the tradition is that he was descended from John Ball of Kent, the famous leader of the Peasant Rebellion with Wat Tyler. Incidentally, the Foster family was descended from Baldwin of Flanders, through the brother of Matilda, wife of William the Conqueror, named Richard, who came to England with the Conqueror. Matilda was descended from the Emperor Charlemagne and Pepin le Bref, etc.)

Heck notes that Colonel Ball "in company with other royalists . . . fled to Virginia, the most loyal of the king's possessions, and the last to surrender to Cromwell's authority. Ball probably left England soon after the death of Charles I, arriving in Virginia about the year 1650." He notes also that during the first eight years in America he may have "spent these years operating a vessel between England and Virginia . . . It is, therefore, quite probable that William Ball became a tobacco merchant . . . In 1661 his name still appears in the Northumberland County Records as a merchant.. Later he became a planter . . . in Lancaster County . . . A fewyears . . . later he acquired three hundred additional acres of rich bottom land adjoining the estate of Daniel Fox, whose friendship Ball appears to have cultivated, and who later became the Colonel's son-in-law, marrying his only daughter, Hannah. It was on the Lancaster County estate, however, where Colonel Ball built the beautiful Georgian mansion which later was to become famous He named it 'Millenbeck' . . . held for four successive generations by William Balls, and with 'Epping Forest,' the home of Mary Ball (Washington),played a prominent part in the annals of Virginia history."

Heck adds: "March 28th, 1675-6 he and Lieutenant-Colonel John Carter were empowered by the General Assembly of Virginia to mobilize men and horses in defence of the colony against Indian depredations, to be led by Nathaniel Bacon. He was presiding member of various courts held in Lancaster County . . . August 14th, 1677, Colonel Ball and his neighbor John Washington were present at a meeting to impress upon the citizens the necessity of making immediate payment of a tax imposed upon the people by the General Assembly to put down Bacon's Rebellion which had lately arisen . . . he was a member of the Burgesses of Lancaster County . . . He and John Washington were wardens of Christ Church, Lancaster County. At the time of his death, Colonel Ball owned nearly two thousand acres of land in Lancaster and Rappahannock Counties . . . he died at 'Millenbeck' November, 1680." (See pp. 27-32.)

The chapter "The Descendants of Colonel Ball," says: "Children born in England--

"1. Richard, died in infancy.
2. William b. Jan. 2nd, 1641; d. Sept. 30th, 1694, m. (i) _____ Williamson (?); (ii) _____ Harris; (iii) 1675 Margaret Downman.
3. Joseph b. May 25th, 1649; d. June, 1711; m. (i) 1675 Elizabeth Romney; (ii) Mrs. Mary Johnson. (Mary Johnson was the mother of an only child, Mary, who became the mother of George Washington.)
4. Hannah b. March 12th, 1650; m. July 22nd, 1670, Captain David Fox. (She lived at Monaskon, adjoining her father's place "Millenbeck.")

"William, the second son, inherited Millenbeck, where he continued to live . . . he first married a daughter of James Williamson, of Rappahannock County;... Margaret or Mary. Other members of the Ball family insisted that he married a Miss Harris . . . In 1687 he was appointed to lay off the boundary between Lancaster and Northumberland Counties. He was a Justice in 1680 and . . . Burgess from Lancaster County. He died in 1694.

"Joseph,the second son of William Ball, and the grandfather of Washington, was born in England May 24th, 1649, and was about one year old when he came to Virginia. . . . He probably received the greater part of his education in London, and was married about 1675 in England (to) Elizabeth Rogers or Romney . . . descendant of William Romney, Alderman and one time Sheriff of London ....

He remained in England until his wife's death which occurred about 1700." His second wife 'was a widow by the name of Mrs. Mary Johnson. It appears that a report reached the children of Joseph Ball that she was a woman of plebian family, and at first they were greatly angered at their father for marrying beneath his station . . . she was really a descendant of the ducal house of Montague . . . Washington himself used the MontagueCrest for his seals. Only one child was born of this second union of Joseph Ball--a daughter, Mary, in 1707-8. She is reported to have been a very beautiful girl and has won for all time the much-coveted title, 'belle of the Northern Neck.' She was twenty-three years old when on March 6th, 1730-1, she married Augustine, the son of Lawrence Washington, the neighbour, friend and colleague of Colonel William Ball.' Joseph lived at Epping Forest . . . now part of Oakley, the seat of the Lancaster Chinns, who are descendants of Joseph Ball. Colonel Ball and his two wives now rest in the family vault built near the mansion."

I have given the descendants of Joseph Ball earlier. Heck gives those of his brother William and the sister Hannah, also. The children of Hannah Ball and Capt. David Fox of Monaskon were:

1. Hannah b. July 25th, 1671; m. Rodham Kenner.
2. David b. 1672; died in 1679.
3. William b. about 1673; m. Ann Chinn.
4. Samuel b. Feb. 28th, 1674; wife unknown.

Heck gives the "children of William Ball by his second marriage" as follows. However, Hayden says William was son of Margaret Williamson, and as he was the oldest son, undoubtedly the other children were all by her. "Hayden is of the opinion that he first married a daughter of James Williamson, of Rappahannock County. Her name appears to be either Margaret or Mary. Other members of the Ball family insisted that he married a Miss Harris, but she was likely to have been a second wife as Hayden believes. Both wives died prior to 1675 when he married Margaret Downman."

"1. William b. cir. 1676 m. Hannah Beale. (Hayden says he died March 1, 1744.)
2. Richard b. cir. 1676, m. Sarah Young. (Hayden says he d. 1726.)
3. James b. cir. 1678 m. (i) Elizabeth Howson; (ii) Mary Dangerfield (iii) Mary Anne Ballantine. (Hayden says he d. Oct. 13, 1754, md. (1) Elizabeth Howson and (2) Mary Conway Dangerfield, widow, and (3) Mary Ann Bertrand Ballantine, dau. of Rev. Bertrand and Lady Bertrand, French Huguenots.)
4. Joseph b. cir. 1680; m. Mary Spencer. (Hayden says he d. Sept. 1721.)
5. George b. cir. 1683; md. Grace Waddy. (This is an error. He m. Grace Haynie, daughter of Sarah Harris Haynie, who later married Francis Waddy.)
6. Samuel b. Sept. 26, 1686; m. Ann Taylor. (Hayden says his descendants are 'little known.')
7. Davidb. Sept. 26, 1686; m. (i) _____; (ii) Ellen Heale.
8. Stretchley, died while quite young.
9. Margaret, date of birth unknown; m. Rawleigh Downman.

The above George Ball who married Grace Haynie, not Waddy, is listed as having the following children by Heck:

1. John b. cir. 1710, m.Margaret Ball. (Hayden says his will dated 1750, was probated Apr. 8, 1751, Northumberland County, Va.
2. David b. cir. 1712, died without issue.

3. George b. cir. 1712, m. Ann Taylor.
4. Joseph b. cir. 1715, m. Hannah _____.
5. Richard b. cir.1716.
6. Sarah b. _____; m. _____ Dameron. (This was the wife of Christopher Dameron who died 1764 in Northumberland County, after which the widow with her sons moved to Brunswick County, Va.; according to J.H. Cornelius.)
7. Harris Downman.
8. Grace b. 1716-17; m. (i) _____ Burns; (ii) Travers Downman."

? 9. Ann Ball who married (i) John Pope and (ii) Col. Thomas Dameron of Wicomico Parish, and had a son George, the grandson of Capt. George Ball of Wicomico Parish,and vestryman in the parish. Ann is not listed in the records, but her connection is clear through the records elsewhere. Her daughter Ann married Thomas Waddy, in some records called a "second cousin."

Heck gives his sources as the Superintendent of the Reading Room and Keeper of Manuscripts of the British Museum, the Librarian of the Record Office, Guildhall, Hayden's Virginia Genealogies, and Colonial Families of the United States of America, George N. Mackenzie. (Mackenzie also has the family of Christopher Foster, our ancestor, with his coat of arms illustrated.) Heck has no mention of a Ball who married a Moore nor of any other Dameron than the one who married Sarah Ball dramatically called "_____ Dameron."

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From the records of witnesses to wills and deeds, we see that the Ball family was the one most closely connected with the Damerons as friends and neighbors in Northumberland as well as by marriage, and some of the marriage connections have not been traced. Julia Dameron Old wrote to me and said, "My grandfather, James Albert Dameron, frequently spoke of the Damerons being closely related to Mary Ball, mother of George Washington." Of course, we do not know who Dorothy was, the wife of the first Lawrence, and she may have been a Ball. We know that in England in Suffolk Thomas Baule (Ball) married Anne Dameron, widow, Nov. 17, 1605, see page 2 of this manuscript. In the early time, people chose to settle next to their closest friends and relatives, as communications were so difficult and they had to be sure of having someone dependable in time of need.

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The biography of George Washington by J.D. Sawyer says, p. 559: "Colonel Joseph Ball, father of Mary Ball, was a vestryman of Christ Church, Lancaster, Virginia. Folklore asserts that he was a descendant of John Ball, the Mystic, popularly known as 'the mad preacher of Kent,' who was imprisoned for his freedom of speech. Set at liberty by Watt Tyler and Jack Straw in the insurrection of 1381 he joined them in leading one hundred thousand Kentish men in a revolt in which the palace of the Archbishop of Canterbury was sacked. All three leaders paid for this act with their heads,which were impaled on London Bridge." What is important is not whether or not this is true, but whether or not George Washington believed it to be true--for he was the greatest Revolutionary of his time, or at least one of them, and if he believed himself a descendant of a famous rebel, it must have influenced his ideas. His two half-brothers were Tories, so it must have been the Ball in his character which made him what he was, as he was the wealthiest and most comfortable man in America when he took the lead in the way that went to Valley Forge.

viii. NOTES ON NORTHUMBERLAND AND LANCASTER COUNTIES, VIRGINIA

JOSEPH DAMERON. Mary Dameron, daug'r to Joseph born March 1, 1714, St. Stephens Parish Records, Va. Col. Abstracts, V. III, p. 37.

JOSEPH DAMERON, witness to deed from William to Bartholomew Dameron, 1828.

CHRISTOPHER DAMERON received deed from Stephen Mahanks Aug. 11, 1750.

CHRISTOPHER DAMERON, Inventory 1836, Northumberland, Alexander Dameron, Adm. It mentions Sally Burton, sister of Christopher.

BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON buys land from William Dameron and Lucinda, his wife, Test. George Dameron and Joseph Dameron, Sept. 12, 1828.

BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON and wife, Lucy (X) on 23 Aug. 1834, deed to James Burton, Northumberland.

THOMAS DAMERON, SECURITY for Conway Garner, 1756, from p. 46, Garner-Keene Families of the Northern Neck. Conway Garner moved to Mecklenburg, Va. (Checked by Mrs. C.T. Pierce, Nuttsville, Va.)

THOMAS DAMERON, widower, and Chloe Pharis, widow, were married, Peter Carter, Security, 29 Aug. 1793. (Marriage License Bonds of Northumberland County, Va., 1783-1850.)

THOMAS DAMERON and Ann Ball Apr. 10, 1797, David Ball, Jr. Sec. Ibid.

THOMAS O. DAMERON and Judith Clarke 22 Aug. 1827, William R. Holliday, Sec. Ibid.

THOMAS DAMERON and Harriett Edwards, 9 Oct. 1835, George T. Dameron, Sec.

THOS. O. DAMERON, widower, and Harriet Clarke, 8 Feb. 1837, George Wilkins, Sec. Ibid.

Above reference also lists, p. 118, Alice, Ann Steptoe, Catherine A., Elizabeth, Fanney, Gracy, Hannah, Lucy S., Mary, Mary, C.W., Molly, Nancy, Sally, etc. I did not check it carefully. Ann Dameron 9 Sept. 1835, m. Wm. C. Booth, p. 11. Also listed were: Fanney P., Mary E. J., Molley, Polly C. Polly Dameron m. Daniel H. Haynie 11 May, 1816, C. Jones, Sec.
JOSHUA DAMERON and Nancy Lunsford, 28 Sept. 1789, John Carter, Sec. p. 25.

ROBERT DAMERON and Alice C. Shearman, 14 Sept. 1794, THOS. DAMERON, Sec.

JOHN DAMERON and Sary Brown 22 yrs of age, 7 Feb. 1792, William Blackerby, Sec. Ibid.

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THOMAS DAMERON of Wicomico Parish deeds to David Ball, witnesses Alice Ball and Hannah Ball, Dec. 10, 1795.

JOSEPH DAMERON, Will of Thomas Taylor, Wicomico, Feb. 17, 1717, mentions grandson Joseph Dameron, grand-dau. Elizabeth Ball, dau. Elizabeth Flowers.

REVOLUTION: Anne Waller Reddy found in her files on Northumberland:

ABRAHAM, served as a soldier (Eckenrode)
BARTHOLOMEW, gave supplies to the army " He was head of a house.
GEORGE, gave supplies to the army " " " "
JOSHUA, a soldier enlisted 1777 in the Navy
ONEY, head of a house 1780-1, after the war went to Norfolk, married Martha, widow of Christo. Tompkins; her will 1842 mentions son-in-law, Oney S. Dameron
THOMAS DAMERON, Ensign from Northumberland, 1781.

On Lancaster, Miss Reddy's files also show: "Aaron Dameron, young man likely not married, took oath of allegiance and was later soldier invalided home from 3d company of militia. Moses Dameron was a soldier also in 1777. Joshua Dameron was also a soldier and his family is helped while he was in the army. Thomas Dameron served in the Va. Navy. His son Dennis shows as his heir about 1834. Nottingham in History of Lancaster Rev. Soldiers says Aaron Dameron married with Elizabeth Perkins (no date given."

LANCASTER COUNTY MARRIAGE BONDS, 1701-1848, shows John Dameron married Molly Brown, daughter of Eleanor Brown, 25 Sept. 1794, William Brown, security; also Thomas Dameron married Sally W. Roberts 16 Jan. 1799, Michael Wilder, sec.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY, VA. records show Fleet Dameron m. Polly Garner 22 Jan. 1821, and Willis Dameron m. Jemima Rice, Nov. 6, 1817; and William M. Dameron m. Jemima Spence, 1827. (Early Marriages, Va. County Rec. V of IV.

LANCASTER COUNTY INDEX in the State Library in Richmond showed:

John Dameron 10, 84, 224.
William, 185, 247
Dennis 139, 241
Samuel 95, 228
Thomas 82, 97.

The Stewart Index to Virginia Genealogies, shows for Dameron: Hardesty, Amherst 438, Munsell's V. 58-9; Tyler's IV, 54-58, 117-122, Wm. xii, 100.

The 1790 Census for Virginia shows in Lancaster, p. 55, Moses Dameron; in Wicomico, Northumbsrland, George and Bartholomew; also Moses, 55, Jos. Book 13, George 37 etc. Joseph is shown in Amelia, p. 13, or in Charlotte--the page was missing.

Virginia Taxpayers 1782-1787 showed William Dameron in Westmoreland 2-1; George 1, Buckingham, Moses 1, Montgomery, Myke, 1, Buckingham, Samuel 1-8, Joseph 1-4, Christopher 1-12, Brunswick, and Bartholomew in Brunswick, 1 person and 9 slaves.

In the Family Bible of John W. Carter notes, by G. M. Bloyd, in the Virginia State Library it lists Dameron marriages: Samuel m. Lucy Potts, 1798; Thomas m. Sally Bran, 1794; Thomas m. Sally, w. of Roberts, 1799; Thomas m. Anne Ball 10 Apr. 1797. It also had two Lancaster items for John Dameron, but the title referred to Amherst County. This must refer to Lancaster County.

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In checking over my notes, I find one that Christopher Dameron received a deed from Stephen Mahanes, Aug. 11, 1751, Lease Book 2, p. 8.

Charles Dameron deeded to Albert G. Plummer, Sept. 11, 1820, Book 22, p. 396.

Thomas Dameron deeded to Samuel M. Sherman, Trust deed, Sept. 6, 1805, Book 17, p. 384.

William Dameron et ux. deeded to George Dameron, Feb. 7, 1808, Book 18, p. 36.

Thomas Dameron received Gift Deed, Apr. 20, 1804, from Bartholomew Dameron, Book 17, p. 265.

LANCASTER: In Virginia Colonial Abstracts, VI, Lancaster Co. R.B. #2, 1654-66, Fleet, Box 161 Richmond, Va. Wend End St. I found no Damerons, no Palmers, but it has Brownes (Eleanor p. 328), George fflower (p. 83), and Jo. fflower, wit.

Julia Dameron Old found in Nottingham's Lancaster County Records, 1701-1848, Thomas Cornelius m. Elizabeth Dameron, dau. of Aaron Dameron, 26 May, 1790, Aaron Dameron, security.

NORTHUMBERLAND: Mrs. Old also found notes on Northumberland in Colonial Abstracts, V. 3, Record of births 1661-1810: Anna Dameron, dau. of Jacob and Mary his wife born Dec. 1, 1775; John Corbin Dameron, son to William Dameron and Nancy his wife, born Feb. 5, 1784. Molley Draper Dameron, dau. of Wm. and Nancey his wife born Dec. 18, 1786; Luke Wms. Dameron, son to Wm. and Nancy was born Mar. 30, 1789. In Marriage License Bonds of Northumberland Co., Va. from 1783 to 1850, she found: Charles Dameron, widower, and Jane Keene, 17 Apr. 1822, Kenner W. Cralle, Sec.; George Jones and Elizabeth Dameron, widow, 14 Dec. 1801, Joseph Ball, Sec.; George Jones, widower, and Nancy Ingram, 19 Feb. 1811, Thos. Ingram, Sec.; George Jones, widower and Betsy C. Sutton, 21 Apr. 1812; Joseph McAdam Broun, Sec.; George Jones, widower, and Elizabeth Champion, widow, 19 July, 1815, John L. Chinn, Sec.

In the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, V. 23, 19, Mrs. Old found also: Josiah Dameron, George Dameron, witness will of John Harris, dau. Sarah Haynie, grandson Geo. Ball, 23 Feb. 1709-10. Note: the dau. Sarah Haynie, wife of Antony, married second Francis Waddy.

Another item she sent "from my old records and I don't know the source: "3. Laurence Haynie (1794-1841) soldier of the War of 1812, m. 1831, Margaret Sarah Dameron (1799-1839); Thomas 4, George, 5; Thomas 6; George 7; Lawrence 8.

She also sent the following which is undoubtedly the origin of the Huguenot legend in the Dameron family, as Dupuy was a Huguenot, and I believe Dupuy was also an ancestor of George Washington. Mrs. Old did not keep the reference for this:

"7. Bartholomew Dupuy b. 1650, Huguenot from France with his wife, Susanne La-Villon, to Monacantown, Virginia, 1700. 6. Their daughter m. Tribue. 5. Their dau. m. Edward C. Clay. 4. Mary m. Joseph Dameron, soldier of the American Revolution. 3. Eliza Ingraham 1800-70 m. her 4th cousin, Wm. Moore Dameron, 1799-1839, son of George Ball Dameron, 1775-1848, Col. in Black Hawk Indian War. 2. Son of John Vaughan, 1823-84, farmer, m. Adeline Dameron, 1830-84."

IX. A TRIP TO NORTHUMBERLAND

Two of my friends were driving to Virginia in the fall of 1952, so I went with them and we made a special trip up and down the long neck of land called the "Northern Neck," including the counties of Northumberland and Lancaster and Westmoreland.

We crossed the bridge over the Potomac River after coming down the Eastern Shore and the first county is King George. Next is Westmoreland and we stopped to look at the birthplace of George Washington, Wakefield, which is only a reproduction but it has some fine antiques and the Washington burial ground is still there. Near this was Stratford Hall, the birthplace of Robert E. Lee and two Lee signers of the Declaration of Independence, said to have been born in the same room which we duly observed. The house was built about 1725 and is a monumental piece of architecture of Tudor type with a "great hall" in the middle and wings on each side, and with two enormous chimney clusters on the roof of four chimneys each, with balcony rails around them. Robert E. Lee wanted to buy this old Lee place back after the war, but he was in poverty and could not do so. The other Lee Mansion and Mt. Vernon are up the Potomac near Washington, D.C. Just below Mt. Vernon on the Potomac is Gunston Hall, which we also visited on the return trip, home of George Mason, the famous Revolutionary. The three Mason sisters of this family were the belles and beauties of Virginia in their day and friends of James Foster Scott, my cousin. I met them when I visited him in McLean,Virginia. Julia Mason Mathews is head of the Colonial Dames.

The peninsula is very narrow, only a few miles wide, and you drive down one side and up the other. By the time we got to Heathsville, the county seat, it was raining. I tried to find the Historical Society and was referred to Mrs. Rice who owned the grocery store, who introduced me to Jennie Harding Cornelius, the local genealogist, and she and I sat on the veranda of the court house and discussed the Damerons in the rain. She had already worked on this family, so I asked her to send me what material she had and my two friends and I spent the afternoon in the courthouse going over the old records. I had no intention of doing a whole genealogy of the Damerons, but when I came to writing this I found we had accumulated the framework of the family history, so I proceeded to fill it out, with the end result of over 150 pages at this writing. We drove to Reedville and spent the night there in a tourist home--there was neither a movie nor a hotel nor a restaurant in this little fishing village, which has many motor boats engaged in catching crabs and oysters, chiefly. It is a quaint, old-fashioned little town and did not look prosperous, neither did any other part of the region. Some Damerons live at Mila Neck nearby but I did not see them.

Next morning we went to Wicomico Church to see the old Dameron place. Here we found Thomas Ball, who owns the feed mill in partnership with the son of Ernest S. Harding, who now owns Guarding Point, the Dameron place. His address is Rehoboth Church and it is on the Kilmarnock Road. Tom Ball told us how to get to Guarding Point, which is in Ball's Neck. You go along the Kilmarnock Road to the second tarred road to the left and continue to the graveyard, then turn left and take the highway to the right and turn to the left to Guarding Point. This is a sharp fork and the second turn goes right. At a turn in the road we came upon the Ball cemetery, which Tom Ball had told us to look up, at Bay View, which is an estate adjoining the Dameron place. There is no house there to be seen now but only the tombstones with one high shaft in the middle which

says: The line of Ball of Northumberland springs from Col. William Ball of Millenbeck, Lancaster County. By his son Capt. Ball the family was established here on the place known as Bay View. This place, Cresfield, is part of the original Bay View and in this burial ground lie the remains of the following: Capt. William Ball, born in England June 2, 1641, died in Lancaster County, Va. Sept. 30, 1694, and his wife Harris, and his second wife Margaret Downman. Their son Capt. George Ball 1683-1746 and his wife ____ Haynie and his second wife, Grace Waddy. Their son Capt. George Ball _____ 1770, and his wife Ann Taylor of Lancaster County. Their son Capt. David Ball 1735-1811 and his wife Hannah Haynie and others." George Washington was their cousin.

This is faulty genealogy as Mrs. Cornelius has pointed out in the section on the Balls who inter-married with the Damerons several times. Sarah Ball who married Christopher Dameron and went to Brunswick County with her sons, was the sixth child of the above Capt. George Ball and his wife Grace Haynie. As she had a son John, we thought he might be the ancestor of our Damerons.

We drove down a narrow country lane to the Dameron's Marsh region, but did not venture out to Chesapeake Bay where the Marsh ends. The house of Ernest S. Harding was not built on the site of the old Dameron house, but farther inland. This is one of the most beautiful sites I have ever seen for a house on the water. It is set in water on two sides, with the Chesapeake Bay almost in sight in the other direction. Guarding Point Creek runs at the back of the house, and Guarding Point can be seen just this side of the Wicomico River. It is a narrow tongue of land jutting out into the River, which looked to me to be half a mile wide. There are no neighbors nearby and the atmosphere is lonely and isolated and rather wild, but the farm is very productive and prosperous. Ernest Harding now raises soya beans, oats and corn chiefly. He said that when his great-grandfather took over the Dameron place, he put in 540 acres of oats and paid for the house the first year. I took a photograph of Guarding Point and the Harding house.

Dameron's Marsh is at the right of his house toward the Bay. It is near Ingram Bay which the marsh goes around, and Mill Creek is not far away. Mila Neck, where Damerons still live, is along the same road.

The Harding house has eight or ten rooms and was built by the Hardings during the Civil War, Ernest Harding said, but the back ell is earlier. His great-grandfather, John Hopkins Harding, acquired it after the Damerons about 1849 when R obert J. Dameron was the last Dameron there. So it has only been in the hands of two families in several centuries. Ernest Harding said the Dameron cemetery is still being used by the Hardings, but has np markers for the Damerons. It is near his house.

He said the original Dameron house had been across the field overlooking Chesapeake Bay near the River and that the bricks had been torn down and thrown into the river--he did not know why. He said his father told him they remembered that the windows were so large you could put a bed through the casements. We later saw Harding Blackwell who lives near Dameron's Marsh, which is the place where the original house was located, and he said his mother remembered the site of the old Dameron house, which had foundation stones and bits of broken pottery around. It could still be found, but will probably soon be obliterated. We could not drive there as the roads were so treacherous. I have the impression that this site is now part of Harding Blackwell's property.

Ernest Harding said there is a Yankee bombshell buried on the place from Civil War days.

The old Dameron house was in its day considered one of the finest pieces of architecture in Northumberland county and Governor Berkeley used it as his headquarters in the days of Bacon's Rebellion. Guarding Point was "the lookout post for lower Northumberland from the time of Bacon's Rebellion," the Keach article says, which also says, "Thomas Dameron, grandson, built the beautiful Brick Walls, still there near the old site." I was unable to find this and nobody had heard of it, though I saw a fine old house nearby with big outside chimneys that might have been it. Mrs. Keach says the main house was built 1735 and pulled down 1849.

The Wicomico River comes out at Reedville, and Guarding Point is on the opposite shore of the river jutting out into it. It is about three or four miles from Wicomico Church, I think, and Mila is a town on the shore just opposite Fairport.

The Will of the original Lawrence Dameron, who came to Virginia before 1652, was found in an old book in ruined condition in Heathsville. He says "I bequeath unto my sonne Bartholomew Dameron one halfe of five hundred acres of land situated in Great Wicocomoco which I bought of Mr. Peter Knight . . . to be delivered to him at the death of his mother, with one cedar Bedstead, one long table with forme and benches to it, and one Couch, all which stands in the Great Roome. I give unto my son George Dameron, the other half of 500 acres of land above described." He also bequeathed three silver spoons, one good feather bed, fixed guns and one iron pot, but the names of the legatees were destroyed except those of the above and Thomas and Dorothy, his executrix. Dorothy appears to have been a woman of intelligence and independence as she managed the estate, which implies that perhaps the fortune was on her side of the house to start with, as it was not too common for the wife to be left to manage an estate of any size.

Lawrence Dameron's first grant of land in 1652 was in the upper part of Northumberland which is now St. Stephens parish, "upon head of tanx Yeococomico Riv." The Guarding Point estate was acquired from "Mr. Peter Knight 500 acres Northumberland County, 30 Mar. 1657." One of the boundaries was Dividing Creek which is where Richard Lee lived, the ancestor of all the famous Lees, including Robert E. Lee.

Guarding Point is in Wicomico parish--there are only two parishes in Northumberland County. Here is where Bartholomew and George and Thomas lived. His youngest son, Lawrence, Jr., Nov. 20, 1669, received from his mother, Dorothy, "relect of Lawrence Dameron dec'd and Bartholomew Dameron, his eldest son... all interest in 324 acres in Yeocomico Parish." This is in Westmoreland County, formed 1663. Bartholomew also had a son Lawrence, Jr. and one Josiah, who had adjoining places in St. Stephens' Parish on the Yeocomico River, up near Heathsville. These estates would be part of the original first grant of 1652, all being along that river.

The Media Research Bureau said Lawrence Dameron "in 1655 organized Wicomico parish, providing it with churches, warden and vestry." There is an attractive old church at Wicomico Church which is now Methodist, but was originally of the Church of England I imagine. Bishop Meade describes it in his book, or rather a church of the time which he sold for a few dollars.

The W. P.A. Guide Book to Virginia says: "Cobb's Hall was originally built by Richard Lee in 1651, loyal to the Crown in Cromwell's day. Ditchley Hall is nearby first built by Hancock Lee, great-grandfather of President Zachary Taylor.

"Wicomico Church (pronounced Y-kom-eye-ko), is an old village on the site of the old Wicomico Church built in 1771 and ruined after the Revolution. Here Hancock Lee donated a silver cup in 1711. Nearby is John Hudnall's house, a home of the family since 1656. The road then crosses the Great Wicomoco River to Burgess Store, with a population of 20."

Paul Wilstach in Potomac Landings says the early vestry books are gone of the Northern Neck. This is why we cannot find baptisms or births or deaths. "Even a seventeenth century tombstone is a rarity in Northumberland and Westmoreland... the earliest tangible evidence of particular parishes in this neighbourhood is found in the inscription on an old communion cup, showing that it waspresented by Hancock Lee of Ditchley Hall to Lee Parish in 1711. Ditchley looked out upon the Chesapeake from the lower shores of the county . . . The first references to the permanently establishe parishes of St. Stephen and Wycomico in Northumberland are found in county lists of 1754 and 1758. . . The first church in Overwharton was built near Potomac Creek and shared with Wycomico in Northumberland the distinction of being among the largest churches built in all colonial Virginia."

We then drove to the little fishing town of Weems, which is named for the family of Parson Weems who wrote the first biography of George Washington and of Francis Marion, and who is said to have invented the story of the cherry tree by later historians, though there is no reason why he could not have heard it from Washington's family or himself, as he knew them quite well. We stopped at the old Ferry farm of George Washington which is on the Rappahannock River just before you cross the bridge to Fredericksburg. This he inherited from his father who died when he was about 12, and his surveying office is still intact, with a deep pit behind it made of stone. Also there is a cherry tree bolted together with a sign that this is the place; an old stump, of course. The house and farm are privately owned but they permit the public to see the place. This is not the original house of the Washingtons, we were told, but a part of it is still there.

At Weems we went down to the fishing docks where there are two big processing plants and stopped at the store formerly owned by the Damerons, but now owned by Dunaway, who came out and talked to us. This old building juts out on piers over the water and is quite picturesque. There was a delightful old negro in the store and when he heard me inquiring if any Damerons still lived there, began to grin broadly and wanted to show us the whole place and to be very friendly. He said he was eighty three and had worked for the Damerons fifty-years and they were "good people." Later Mrs. H.C. Old of Virginia Beach, Va., wrote to me: "The old colored man you met at Weems was 'Charles Henry,' the servant of my two uncles for 65 years. They owned most of Weems--the store, wharf, cannery, fish-packing plant, their residences, a farm, oyster beds, and were directors of the Kilmarnock Bank, of the Fire Insurance Co., founders of the Presbyterian Church there and that is all I remember at the moment. Mrs. Oscar Dameron still lives there and my cousin, Christine Fauntleroy Claybrook Bullock owns Uncle Walton's house across the street, as he left it to her mother, Lydia Claybrook."

These Damerons are descendants of the Ball family of Lancaster, and related to the mother of George Washington, Mary Ball. I met Dr. H. Jeter Edmonds, dentist in Kilmarnock, Lancaster County, and copied down this genealogy, which is through Col. William Ball, Col. Joseph Ball, of Epping Forest, one of whose daughters was Mary Ball Washington and another Ann who married Col. Edwin Conway. Mary Conway m. Thomas Gaskins and their daughter Sarah Ann m. Dr. Joseph McAdams. Anne McAdams m. Thomas Keene and Jane Keene m. Charles Dameron April 17, 1822. Their son was James Albert Dameron 1832-1919, who married Mary Ann Courtney.

We went to visit Epping Forest in Lancaster, where Mary Ball Washington was born about 1708. The house was first built about 1680 by Col. Joseph Ball who is buried there. "Although her father died when she was quite young and her mother remarried, moving to Northumberland County with her young daughter, Mary often returned to Lancaster County to visit. Because of her great beauty and popularity, she was often called 'The Rose of Epping Forest,' according to the leaflet handed out there. Mrs. James D. Jesse, the former Eoline Ball, direct descendant of Joseph, still owns the old house and showed us through it. She is pretty, dark, and a typical southern belle.

We also stopped in Fredericksburg and went through the home of Mary Ball Washington, where she lived from 1772 to the time of her death in 1780. It is a small house of only about four rooms, with kitchen and slaves' quarters in a separate cabin at the back. Much of her own furniture is still there. This was part of a big tobacco plantation at that time and the brick walk led to her daughter's house, Kenmore, a large fine place considered to be the finest piece of Georgian architecture in existence by some architects. It was built by Col. Fielding Lewis who married George Washington's only sister, Betty, and has fine antiques chiefly of the Chippendale period. Col. Lewis was a great patriot during the Revolution and was so bankrupted by his activities that he had to sell house and furniture at auction--this happened to nearly all of the leading figures of the Revolution, such as Jefferson, Morris, etc.

The portrait of Mary Ball Washington shows that she looked exactly like her son. She was a woman of strong will and determined authority, and she did not get on very well with her son, who had a bent for fashionable living. She never set foot in his house at Mt. Vernon, apparently, but obviously she was the chief power behind his remarkable career for he respected her good opinion and lived up to it at all times.

Across the way from Epping Forest is Mrs. Chidester T. Pierce, an authority on the history of Lancaster, and we stopped to call on her, the address being Nuttsville, Virginia. She looked up the Ball-Dameron connections for me and I copied it down while she read it off. She said she knows the history of Monaskon thoroughly where the Fox family lived, descended from Hannah Ball, and that there was no Dameron in any of the records. There is a story of a French Huguenot Dameron who settled at "Monaskon," and this family was related to the Balls, also. The Bertrands of Monaskon were Huguenots, however. Monaskon is on the Rappahannock in Lancaster next to the town of Lively and not far above Weems--the same place as Millenbeck where the Ball family originated. The Media Research Bureau said: "A Huguenot bearing the name of Dameron, came to Hanover, Va. about 1700. His son, Joseph, settled at Monaskon. Joseph had a son George by his wife Mary Moore, whose mother bore the surname Ball and was related to George Washington. Joseph and Mary with their son George moved to Randolph County, Mo."

The Northern Neck Historical Society had just been formed recently, with dues $3 a year and everyone interested in local history is invited to join. Among the active members are Mrs. Pierce, Lucy Brown Beal, Hague, Virginia, a genealogist, and Mrs. Thomas Lomax Hunter, King George, Va. On Oct. 1-2, just a day or so before we arrived was the Lancaster Tricentennial Celebration. The county seat is Lancaster Court House, which is near Kilmarnock, the largest town.

The Historical Society is copying down tombstone inscriptions, but Mrs. Rice in Heathsville said she saw no Damerons when she did this.

There are very few Damerons in the telephone book of this region of the Tidewater Telephone Company for the Bowling Green-Warsaw region, etc. I found only the following in the whole region, but was told many people there have no phones:

E.R. Dameron, Haynesville, Va.; Everett, Kilmarnock; Hilton E., Warsaw; Rev. J.A., Reedville; R.B., Oldhams, Hague; W.A. Dameron Store, Kinsale; Wesley, Fairport, Reedville; Z.C. Dameron, Baynesville, Montross. The Richmond phone book had only the following: F.A. Dameron, 825 Roseneath Road; James, 5414 Jahnke Road; R. M., 5416 Bloomingdale Road; T. M. 3122 2d Avenue, Richmond, Va. I was told there are other Damerons in Mila and Lottsburg. Rev. J.A. Dameron had just moved to Bona Venture or Bona Vista.

Near Weems we also visited the famous Christ Church built 1732 on the site of one built by King Carter, and we saw some fascinating old Carter tombstones. He lived here in feudal splendor. This is a rare cruciform church of early architecture and said to be the finest of its type in Virginia. The W.A.P. Guide Book says Christ Church is "probably the finest Greek-cruciform Colonial church in Virginia." Here is buried King Carter's father and his three wives. This "King" Carter was the autocratic viceroy of the Northern Neck Proprietorsin England. His father John, settled about 1650 at Corotoman on the bank of the Rappahannock, and his son Robert was agent for the proprietors of the Northern Neck, this being "King" Carter. From this King Carter were descended eight governors of Virginia,three signers of the Declaration of Independence, two Presidents (the two Harrisons), Gen. Robert E. Lee and others. The mother of Robert E. Lee was born here in 1773.

The original Carter was a cavalier refugee of 1649, it is said, and had five wives, so much of Virginia is descended from him. "King" Carter left an estate of"300,000 acres of land, about 1,000 negroes and 10,000 L." His daughters were in their day mistresses of the greatest mansions in Tidewater Virginia and there were half a dozen of them. The "King" built his church out of his own means, and the congregation was not permitted to enter until his family had been seated.

There were three famous Carter mansions on the Northern Neck: Nomini Hall on the creek; Corotoman in Lancaster, and Sabine Hall on the Rappahannock a few miles from Nomini Hall. Nearby was Mount Airy of the Tayloes. The other famous mansions were Bushfield (a Washington place in Westmoreland), Chantilly, Hickory Hill, Stratford etc. This was a neighborhood and a closely related region due to inter-marriage and social relations.

Of the first ten presidents, six were born in Virginia, and all of these but Jefferson were born in the tidewater region--meaning where the tide reaches up the big rivers, such as to Richmond on the James. These were Harrison and Tyler, Madison, Monroe and Washington. Monroe was born in 1758 in the same region as Washington. Washington's ancestor, John Washington, came from England in 1656, and married his neighbor's daughter, he being Nathaniel Pope. This was in Westmoreland.

In Potomac Landings, Paul Wilstach says: "Northumberland was divided in 1653. A new county was established. . . called Westmoreland and, even in its restricted bounds, showed a fertility in the production of wealthy planters and of early republican scholars and heroes unequalled by any other county in America." p. 64. "They brought with them their heritage of character from generations of gentle ancestry in England. They were royalists, sometimes called Cavaliers, driven out of England by the Puritan success and the establishment of the Commonwealth in 1649, and they continued to come in large numbers until the restoration of the royalty in 1660. They transplanted... a replica of the English social, domestic and religious life."

"Cheap labor was based at first on the indentured servant, always white, and usually English. In this connection 'servant' did not mean a menial only. It included all who took pay for services . . . plantation labour . . . on numerous occasions he was a relative of the planter to whom he was pledged."

The Damerons were a part of this Cavalier migration. However, we find the daughter of Dorothy Dameron Gaskins named Dorothy becoming a Quaker and marrying one, Onecephrous Harvey. We do not know what their connections were in England, but no doubt the Damerons came over with their group of friends and relatives to Northumberland. However in one respect they were typical Americans who will walk six blocks to get into their car to drive one block. Wilstach, p. 248, says: "An English traveller in the two colonies bordering tidewater Potomac wrote in the London Magazine of July, 1746, that the colonists 'have so much value for the Saddle, that rather than walk to church five miles, they'll go eight to catch their horses, and ride there; so that you would think their Churches look'd like the Outskirts of a Country Horse Fair..."

At the Dameron place overlooking the Chesapeake much history went by from the time of Capt. John Smith. Bacon's Rebellion began on Westmoreland shore and during the Revolution the English navy pillaged the river plantations, its ships spreading terror to the head of tidewater. In the war of 1812 with England a British fleet came up the Potomac and burned Washington. During the Civil War, the Potomac was the dividing line between North and South, with a naval flotilla there. and it was the scene of the flight of John Wilkes Booth after he had assassinated Lincoln.

In 1755 Braddock's army sailed up the Potomac to fight the French on the Ohio--about 1300 men and Washington joined up age 23 and was in the defeat. The British kept ships in the Chesapeake Bay all during the Revolution. A hundred armed pirates appeared on the river in July 1782, white and black.

It is said to be "always Indian summer" on the Northern Neck, at least from April to November, as remarked by Col. Henry Esmond of Castlewood in Westmoreland County in his memoirs, which still exist and which were used by Thackeray in writing his books on the Esmonds and the Virginians.

There is a book on the Northern Neck by James Branch Cabell who lives at Poynton Lodge. He says: "The Northern Neck avoids hurry and above all else, it is conservative. . . . few of the first settlers' descendants have left the peninsula of their own will... no railway has ever entered the Northern Neck. . . . The peninsula, in brief, was settled for the most part by persons of the upper classes who had the means to provide for themselves an especial and carefree sort of self-sufficiency such as does not any longerexist upon the earth . . . the Lees, the Eskridges, the Carters, the Mottrams, the Conways, the Fitzhughs, the Gascoignes, the Ayletts, the Coles, the Tayloes, and yet other pre-eminent clans. Man y meritorious middle-class families, such as the Washingtons, and the Madisons (who intermarried with the Conways), and the Monroes also figuredsomewhat more modestly in the social scheme of the Northern Neck. They were a gracious and kindly and a highly self-complacent race who had lived as princes, each with his own domain in the form of a plantation... Of a sudden, in the April of 1865, these princelings became paupers . . . The offspring of the land's dispossessed peerage, far fallen from seigneury, have become truck farmers; or perhaps they conduct a casual fish boat, or a general merchandise story, or a filling station, or a soft drink stand, or a pharmacy, or it may be the village post office, with a complacent disregard for all rules of thrift and of system." P. 11. Richmond, the nearest shopping center, is ninety miles away.

Fish, crabs, quail, partridges, squirrel still abound. The water abounds with pike, shad, bass, herring, taylors, rock corkers, perch, sheepshead, crabs, oysters, turtles and eels, and on the surface with gulls, swans, herons, geese and duck. Guarding Point is a kind of waterfowl refuge.

The Northern Neck was Elizabethan in its atmosphere, of the vintage of the Raleigh and Bartholomew Gosnold kind of men. (Incidentally, the Damerons married into a Gosnold family in England.) Some of the families were on the side of the Stuarts and against William and Mary even, for instance three had to be dropped from the Virginia council at that time who had taken the oath to support James II, Richard Lee, John Armistead and Isaac Allerton (who had been earlier in New England or rather his father had.) Allerton lived in Westmoreland. In Westmoreland lived also the Washingtons, Lees, Corbins, Fauntleroys, Ashtons, Turbervilles, Marshalls, Carters, Monroes. The Yeocomico River divided Northumberland from Westmoreland County, and it is here that Lawrence Dameron had a choice grant of land in 1652 at the head of the river. James Madison was born at Port Conway.

The Northern Neck people are known in Virginia as the most clannish and proud. This pride was one factor in producing the Revolutionary patriots of the time because they would not let the English king have his own way and had more pride than those in England who retained a servant-psychology of caste. As early as 1766 a hundred and fifteen "gentlemen of Westmoreland" assembled with Richard Henry Lee and their set of "Resolves" was the first gun of the Revolution.

The figures of 1648 showed that there were 15,000 English in Virginia, 300 negroes, 20,000 cattle, 200 horses and mares and 3,000 sheep--the wool being woven into cloth on the plantations. There were 5,000 goats, and many wild and tame hogs. In 1649 the Virginia Merchant arrived in Jamestown with 300 passengers, and most of them were thought to have been royalists, including Norwood, Morryson, Richard Fox and Francis Cary. In 1651, 1610 royalists were shipped to Virginia to be servants, prisoners of war taken at Worcester, mostly Scottish. "Cavalier" was a political term for supporters of the Stuarts and included the servant class as well as gentry.

One of the famous old books on Virginia is Bishop Meade's Old Churches, Ministers and Families of Virginia, 1878. Article LIX says the Northumberland border with Lancaster was settled in 1673, and there are no records until 1754 when Wycomico Parish had Rev. John Leland as minister, ordained by the Bishop of London,1775. This was the Church of England, Episcopal. In 1787 David Ball was lay delegate and in 1789 Mr. Oneriphorous Harvey of Wicomico. In 1795 the lay delegates of "Wycomico" were Hopkins, Hardy and Thos. Hurst. In 1797 the delegate was Thos. Gaskins and in 1799 William Davenport and Thos. Harvey. After 1813 there was no regular minister. Lancaster ministered to them.

Wicomico Church "was the largest of the old churches in Virginia of which I have any knowledge. It was built about the beginning of the Revolutionary War," Meade says, p. 133. It was built in 1771. By 1838 two old churches in the area were in ruins and a third on the way, Wicomico being the third, he notes. Few Episcopalians were left--the Methodists were coming in. Joseph Ball of Ditchley was the patron of Wicomico Church. In 1840 the Bishop, Meade, sold the old Wicomico Church for $500, he said.

Ditchley in the parish of Great Wicomico was owned by Flexner Ball, son of the late Joseph. It was the old Lee residence. At Cobbs near Ditchley, Col. Richard Lee had his first place. The parish was first called Lee Parish, then Wicomico; p. 136 gives the history of Richard Lee of Shropshire, near Brignorth, who during the time of Charles I went to Virginia as secretary and one of the King's Privy Council. He decided to stay and settled there with his servants. He then returned to England and gave his lands to his servants who now own them. Then he came back again. Lee and Berkeley supported the royalists. Lee got Charles II proclaimed in Virginia--with the aid of Berkeley. Charles II was ungrateful and caused the taxes to be increased, which annoyed the colonists. The sons of Richard, John and Richard Lee, went to Oxford to school but the father insisted they live in Virginia. (See Clarendon's History of the Rebellion.)

Meade makes the point that the Lees were always religious and Episcopalian. He notes that at the time of the Revolution the English demanded the arrest of the delegates to the congresses and listed for execution Washington and Richard Henry Lee.

Meade says the leading Northumberland families, p. 144, were the Lees, Presleys, Poythresses, Kenners, Thorntons, Newtons, etc. He notes on the same page that the first Col. Richard Lee in a will of 1653 says he was of Stratford, Langton, Essex, England. He saw some copies of the Fairfax family records recently published in England which had been found after being hidden during Cromwell's Rebellion. On p. 107 he says Thomas Fairfax purchased a title under James I and was a Protestant. He sympathized with Cromwell and his son Ferdinand was in Cromwell's army, also his grandson Thomas--they were celebrated leaders of the army. Fairfax was the proprietor of the region. Meade says Robert Carter was manager of the Fairfax estates until his death, when William Fairfax of Belvoir, the friend of George Washington, took over. The Thomas who came to America was a descendant of General Fairfax under Cromwell and married a Presbyterian. They had one girl child who married the profligate Duke of Buckingham and led a miserable life. Fairfax, however, helped the Restoration of Charles II and was in private life during the killing of Charles I. In 1649 Carter was a burgess in Nansemond, p. 110, and in 1654 a burgess in Lancaster County and vestryman. (See Hening's Statutes of Virginia.)

Meade describes the Quakers in Accomac, across the bay from Northumberland, p. 427, in 1650-1660, where they were charged with blasphemy, defying law and vilifying the ministers. They had a log church there. In 1711 Spotswood reported that they refused even to permit their servants to work on fortifications. We remember that Lawrence Dameron's grand-daughter, Dorothy Gaskins Harvey, and her husband were Quakers, which was having very dangerous thoughts in that day. It indicates that she was a chip off the old block as obviously her grandmother, Dorothy, had her own ideas of how to do things.

On p. 468, Meade gives a list of the vestrymen of St. Stephens Parish in Northumberland:

1720 Mr. Thomas Hughlett
1738 Mr. Spencer Ball
1770 John Williams and Joseph Ball
1772 James Ball

He gave the vestrymen of Wicomico Parish in Northumberland as these:

1784 Capt. Geo. Ingram. Onesiphorous Harvey Sutton, Lattimore, Harding, Hurst, Harvey
1796 Thos.W. Hughlett
1772 Mr. Chas. Coppedge, Col. Chas. Lee
1784 Capt. Geo. Ingram, Onesiphorus Harvey, Sutton, Lattimore, Harding, Hurst (above).
1770 George Dameron, Capt. David Ball Sr., and Capt. David Ball, Jr., Capt. Thos. Gaskins, Col. Thos. Gaskins, John Eustace, Capt. John Heath, Mr. William Taylor

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Bartholomew Dameron gave land to his sons Josiah and Lawrence, Jr. in St. Stephens Parish in Mattapony. His will gave Josiah "the Remainder part of my land in Mattapony (Vitz.) from his Brother Laurence up the Neck to the Extent there of to him & his heirs forever and to have privilege for pasture with his brother for seven years." The Court Orders say Lawrence Dameron had "Land adj. Jno. Claughton in Mattapony Neck, St. Stephens Parish, 18 Jan. 1707-8; 17. 89." One Lawrence Dameron had a wife Jane and three sons. The Lawrence of St. Stephens probably had a son Joseph, whose daughter, Mary, was born March 1, 1714, in St. Stephens. (Va. Col. Abstracts, V III, p. 37.) Another son may have been William Dameron, or he may have been the son of Josiah, or of Thomas Dameron. Josiah married the "relict of Pemberton Claughton, 17 May, 1716."

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THE DAMERONS IN THE REVOLUTION.

I went to the National Archives in Washington, D.C. and made notes on all the Damron-Damerons they had in the Pension Bureau from a reaently typed typed index they had of all early and late pension lists. I also checked all those in the files of the Virginia State Library. I then asked Anne Waller Reddy to work on this, of 1005 East Marshall Street, Richmond, Virginia. She sent me a report on John Damron, and also the following:

"From my Revolutionary Files on Dameron:

"Brunswick County, Va. Bartholomew, Christopher and Samuel Dameron, all living there 1780-81 and heads of a house, else they would not have been called on for supplies to keep the army in the field.

"Lancaster County, Va. shows Aaron Dameron, young man likely not married, took oath of allegiance and later was a soldier invalided home from 3d Company of Militia. Moses Dameron was a soldier also in 1777. Joshua Dameron was also a soldier and his family is helped while he was in the army. Thomas Dameron served in the Virginia Navy, his son Dennis shows as his heir about 1834, failed to mark the date but know it was a late date.

"Nottingham in History of Lancaster Revolutionary Soldiers says Aaron Dameron married with Elizabeth Perkins (no date given.)

"Northumberland Co., Va.

"Abraham Dameron, served as soldier, from Eckenrode.
Bartholomew Dameron, gave supplies to the army. "
George Dameron also gave supplies to the army. " Both heads of house, 1780.
Joshua Dameron was soldier enlisted 1777 in the Navy.
Oney Damron, head of a house 1780-81 after war went to Norfolk, married Martha, widow of Christopher Tompkins, her will 1842, mentions son-in-law Oney S.Damron.

Thomas Dameron, Ensign, from Northumberland, 1781.

"Amelia County: Joseph Dameron shows as head of a house 1780-1.

"Marriages of Pittsylvania:

John Dameron to Elizabeth Boyd 31 Dec. 1795.
George Dameron to S. Boyd, 5 Jan. 1785.

"Annals of South West Virginia. John Dameron is listed on pages 1143 and 1345 but looking at those pages and what I thought they could possibly mean, I found no listing at all."

The Media Research Bureau reported: "Among those of the name who served in the Revolutionary war were Colonel Thomas Dameron, Captain John Dameron, Abraham Dameron, Jacob Dameron, Joseph Dameron, Joshua Dameron, and Thomas Dameron, all of Virginia; and George and Joseph Dameron of North Caroliha." However, George and Joseph of N.C. are from Virginia and moved to N.C. after the Revolution.

Gwathmey's Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution, 1938, has:

DAMERON

Jesse, 5th Continental Line
Abraham, Northumberland Co. petitioner
George (Damron) Fifer 6th Continental Line
Jacob, Northumberland petitioner
Jesse, Sgt. Inf. nbll
John (Damron) 2 Va. State Reg.
Joseph, Navy E.
John (Dammeron) 2 Va. State Reg.
Joshua, seaman Navy
Thomas, Northumberland Co. in Capt. George Ingram's Co., recommended to be Ensign Apr. 9, 1781
Thomas, seaman, Navy
Jesse (Dammaron) 5 CL

DAMRON (spelled without the "e")

George, fifer 6 CL
George, Morgan's Riflemen
James (Damron) 4 CL
Jesse, 5 CL
John 2 Va. State Regiment
John 9 CL

In the above list all the items spelled differently refer to the same person. You can find the name spelled differently in the same document.

Brumbaugh's Revolutionary War Records, V. 1, p. 235, has:

Dameron, Jesse, Sergeant Inf., Bounty Land Warrants List. Jesse Dameron is on the List of Virginia State Line not yet receiving Bounty Land for Revolutionary Services, 1835, Richmond, p. 197. (Note by H.F.S. After the revolution the soldiers were given land for their services and many of them migrated to the west and south; the frontier was made up of families of Revolutionary war veterans which accounts for their proud and independent nature., Land was granted for Revolutionary war services beginning Feb. 14, 1782

Joshua Damron, on the ship Tempest Dec. 7, 1779, Va. State Navy, p. 32.
Joshua Damron,seaman, # 133, Va. State Navy, Bounty Land Warrants, p. 60.
George Dameron, soldier inf. Bounty Land Warrants, Virginia, p. 235.
Jacob Dameron, 5296,Ohio. Private, 3 years service, #5296, Continental Line Warrants, p. 423
Jesse Dameron, Infantry soldier, p. 234
Joshua Dameron #15 p. 27, in Protector Galley, Va. State Navy around 1776
Thomas Dameron #19, same list on the "Protector"
Thomas Dameron (Dawson?) on the Tempest, Dec. 7, 1779, Va. State Navy
Thomas Dameron, Seaman, #142, Va. State Navy, Bounty Land Warrants, Rev. Service, p. 68
Thomas Dameron, State Navy, p. 338, 8187, Dennis Dameron, warrantee for above who performed the service.

In the Virginia Colonial Abstracts 0-1-2, Lancaster and Northumberland Counties,no Dameron or Moody was in the index, but I found the following, p. 1098: Thomas Dameron, a seaman during the Revolution, heir Dennis Damron, v. 3, of Virginia Soldiers of 1776, by L.A. Burgess. I also found in V. 1, Capt. John Moody, died Oct. 3, 1826, at Hanover, Rev. soldier.

In the Report of the State Librarian of Virginia, Revolutionary Soldiers of Virginia, Eckenrode, I found:

George Damron, 6th Virginia Regiment,WD 124, 8, 135, 1.
John Dameron (2 V.S.R.) W.D. 50, 1, 4, W.D. 197, 1. (Virginia State Regt.)
Joseph Dameron (N) Aud. Acct. 1779-80, 322.
Jesse, Joshua, Thomas, Abraham (Northumberland petitioner Dec. 15, 1780), Jacob, 178, Northumberland petitioner

In the List of Pensioners I found no Dameron in Franklin County, Ill. In Adair County, Ky. p. 388, I found Emily J. Damron, cert. 31,292, of Columbia, Ky., widow, 1812, monthly rate $8. She got her original allowance in March 1881.

The North Carolina Pension List p. 418 has George Dameron, pensioned in Lincoln County, and p. 480 describes his presence at the battle of King's Mountain. This reference is p. 574 of Miscellaneous Vol. xxii, State Rec. of N.C. Pensioners, 1835.

Other references on the subject are North Carolina Troops in the Continental Establishment, 1896; Col. and State Records of N.C. 1662-1790, V. 16; Historical Sketches of North Carolina from 1584 to 1851, Wheeler, 2 vols.

There is a fascinating story in Amherst County, Virginia, in the Revolution, 1773-82, of Morgan's riflemen. It lists, p. 15, 26, "John Welch--supplied the place of Daniel Dameron." It also has George Damron, private, 1777, in Morgan's Riflemen. He is always accompanied by a William Moore. This is in the Drum & Fife corps in Capt. Cabell's Co., of 6th Regt. June 1777. George Damron is on the pay roll of Capt. Cabell's 6th Va. Battalion July 1777, Nov. 1777, Feb. 1778.

Also William Dameron sells land 1791. William Dameron and wife Susannah sell land 1796, and in 1798 he buys land.

Dunmore Dameron buys land, 100 acres, north sd. of the Ann Laugh Creek.

Ruth Damron Dorius could only find in the Adjutant General's office references to John, Jesse and George Damron: "5 VR Jesse Dameron, Capt. Thomas Gaskins Co., Lt. Col. Josiah Parke, commander, (wounded); 6 V.R. George Damron, Capt. Thomas Patterson Co. Comd. Lt. Col. Hendricks; also George and Daniel (drums and fifes) of Capt. Cabell's Co., 6 V.R. (Amherst Co. Va.)

In Burgess' Virginia Soldiers of 1776, I found Thomas Dameron No. 1098, and the reference says the heirs of Thomas Dameron were allowed bounty land for his service as a seaman from Lancaster County, Va. May 20, 1834. Dennis Dameron was the "orphan" heir apparently. It notes that the Court records have no will for Thomas Dameron 1770. Same reference shows Col. Richardson No. 9, p 1261, and Col. Nixon and Gen. Nixon, p. 12.

I also checked Jillson's Old Kentucky Entries and Deeds, including Military Warrants and found no Damerons. I also checked the List of Pensioners for the Revolution 1841 in Franklin County, Ill., Johnson County, Ill. and Weakley County, Tenn. and found no Dameron.

THE DAMERONS IN THE WAR OF 1812

In the Virginia State Library I checked all through the Archives material on the Revolution and the War of 1812 and found no John Damron. In the War of 1812 Muster Roll & Payroll of Militia, Archives Virginia Library, p. 126, Muster Roll of Capt. Thos. Beacham's Co. of Va. Militia, 37 Regt. Lt. Col. T.D. Downing, serv. Apr. to July and 7-11 Nov. 1813--I found John C. Dameron, 20 days service, Luke Dameron Jr., twenty days and Wm. Dameron Jr. 20 days.

In the War of 1812, Muster Roll of Capt. Vincent Shackleford's 4th Regiment of Virginia Militia, Lt. Col. Brahham, Apr.-July, 1813, and 5-9, October, 1-8 Dec. 1814--I found Charles Dameron, p. 706. Again p. 764, Capt. F.G. Tebb's 41st Regt. Va. Militia, Lt. Col. Brahham, had Charles Dameron. Also p. 251, of Capt. E. J. Northern's Co. 41st Regt. Va. Militia, Northampton County, Lt. Col. V. Branham, 21-July-Oct. 5, 1814, had Charles Dameron, 3d Sergeant, 1 month 12 days service.

On the Pay Roll of Northumberland County, Wm. Hudnall's 37th , in 1813, I found George Dameron.

On the Pay Roll of Northumberland, p. 391, Capt. Henderson, I found William Damron, Sr., Luke Dameron and John C. Dameron."

1. GEORGE DAMRON OF VIRGINIA AND LINCOLN COUNTY, N.C.

In the Pension Bureau I found the file of George Damron, above mentioned as of Amherst County: "George Dameron, Virginia Troops, Priv. Cert. 19275, Fayetteville, N.C., Res. Lincoln Ct. N.C. 33 years and previously in Halifax, Va. Pen. beg. March 4, 1832. Died prior to Dec. 1832. $8.00 per month. George Dameron enlisted in Capt. Dooley's Co. of Cavalry and afterward served in Capt. Coopers' Co. of Cavalry, Col. Malby. Came to this county 1798, prev. in Halifax, Va." A card notes he was a private in Capt. Dooly's Co. regt. of Col. White, Va. Line 2 years from 1777.

The Declaration for Pension of George Damron (or Dameron--spelled both ways) reads: that he served from March 1777 to "March 1779 when he was taken prisoner by the enemy and remained in their custody until the conclusion of the war. He enlisted in the Continental Service under Capt. John Dooly, commander of a Company of horse, subject to the command, as he understood, of Col. White in the State of Virginia and County of Pitsylvania in March, 1777. His first station was at Dooley's Fort, second, Had's Fort, third on the frontiers of Georgia, then shifted to the command of Lieut. Camon or Cabell (unreadable). His fourth term was at a place on Ogeechee River where he was surrounded by the Tories and Indians and was returned by General Clark. He was later in Nasum's (?) Fort in Georgia and in Augusta and Savannah. Then under Thos. Davenport, he went to Savanna (?) and to St. Augustine, where he was discharged in 1783, in E. Florida. He listed his property as being only "one small mare 18-19 years old, one cow, two steers, one sow, four pigs, 3 shotes, 1 bit furniture, table, 5 knives, 5 forks." "His family consists of himself who is old, infirm, his wife who is about 67 and afflicted with rheumatic pains and a daughter about 24 years of age."

In Pittsylvania George Dameron m. S. Boyd, 5 Jan. 1785, and John Dameron m. Elizabeth Boyd, 31 Dec. 1795.

Mrs. Pearce checked with the Department of State, Atlanta, Georgia, on John Dooly and received a report from Mary G. Bryan, Director, Department of Archives and History, 1516 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta:

"I have your letter this morning. I have only one Roll commanded by Colonel John Dooly of Wilkes County from June-August, 1778, on which is a list of five officers and 30 men. I have checked it carefully, and no Damron (Dameron) appears. Of course, the Rolls are very incomplete for the Revolutionary period. It is hard to say just where Capt. Dooly was killed. I quote below from page 61, Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers in Georgia, by McCall:

"JOHN DOOLY, b. N.C.; came from S.C. to the Ceded Lands of Ga. (now Wilkes Co.), with a wife, 3 sons, and 3 orphan nephews in 1762. Served as captain of the 2nd Continental Ga. Brigade, later Colonel. Was killed by the Tories, 1780. Several of these Tories crossed the Savannah river and were later captured by the 'War Heroine' of Ga., Nancy Hart. Others were also captured and hanged at Tory Pond in Wilkes Co.

"Dooly Co., Ga. was named for Col. Dooly and fomed in 1821 His brother, Thomas Dooly, Rev. Sol. was killed July 22, 1776, in a skirmish with the Indians, while returning to Ga. with a band of recruits for the Ga. Continental Army. Another brother, George Dooly served under Capt. Hart.'

"No John Dameron is mentioned in Georgia's Roster of the Revolution, by Knight. Only Charles Damron and Mary Dameron appear. I believe you have a copy of the late Mrs. J.E. Hays 'Hero of Hornet's Next,' a biography of Elijah Clark, which is a story of Georgia during the Revolution. There is quite a bit about Dooly in her book."

Halifax County, Va. records show George Dameron and wife, grantors, to Finn Williams, grantee, June 26, 1777, on the Dan River, 17, p. 172. Also George Dameron and wife grantors, to James Ricketts, grantee, 21, p. 9, on 23 Dec. 1805. It also shows John Dameron, grantor, to Kendreck Thomas, grantee, 10, p. 89, Aug. 1776, and Sarah and H. Dameron, grantors, to Williams and Rickett June 1797 and Dec. 1805, on Dan River and Burtram's Camp Branch. The 1820 Census of Lincoln County, N.C. showed G. Dameron 2-1-3--1-3-1-2, and J. Dameron 1-2--21-1-3.

2. CHARLES DAMERON OF ALBEMARLE, VA. AND GEORGIA

The Census Bureau file on Charles Dameron says: "Charles Damron was wounded in an action on Brier Creek and was at that time in Col. Elbert's Regiment and has now two ulcers open in his right arm in consequence of a wound he received in the aforesaid action. I think he is entitled to a pension of five dollars per month, Aug. 8, 1786." On 8 Aug. 1786, "Charles Damaron came before me, one of the Justices for the County of Richmond in the State of Georgia; Charles Damaron was wounded in action on Brier Creek and was at that time in Col. Elbert's Regiment."

An affidavit of May 19, 1804, said Charles Damron resided in Georgia, County Jackson, being late of the County of Richmond, previous to which he resided in the State of Virginia.

The file of Polly Damron, widow of Charles, Rev. War Vol. A, p. 167, No. 4173, shows that the Jefferson, Georgia, agent sent her petition to Congress and that her name was Polly Mays, married by John Foster, J.P. of Columbia, formerly Richmond County. A note adds: "office was burnt where the records were kept." She got $80 per annum, commencing Sept. 4, 1847. A note in 1848 refers to the claim of "Mary Damron," Polly being a nickname for Mary.

The Declaration for Pension of Polly Dameron, Jan. 7, 1845, reads:

"STATE OF GEORGIA)
JACKSON COUNTY) Polly Dameron, resident of Jackson County, Ga. age 80, says that her husband Charles Damron was a private in the War of the Revolution and served in Captain Lane's Company of Regulars (or Continentals) in the 2nd Regt. and was a citizen (to the best of her recollection) of the County of Albemarle, State of Virginia, when he entered the service, that he came in the army to Georgia and was in various battles against the British, as she has heard her husband say, but that she cannot recollect her husband's saying so as to speak distinctly of any particular battle except one, that was on Brier Creek, Georgia, at which time he was under Major Fennell in Colonel Elbert's Regiment and was there wounded, having then been in service... more than four years .... she has no other documentary or written evidence in support of her claim . . . she was married to the same Charles Damron on the 20th day of May, 1788, and her husband, the aforesaid Charles Damron, died on the 7th day of October, 1827... married in Richmond County, Ga. since Columbia but has no record of marriage but William Mays of Harris County, Ga. only one who knows." This was signed with an X.

From the Executive Dept. Milledgeville, Ga. 1847: "This may certify that there is in this Department an original certificate made by J. Meriwether, Secy. E. Council, dated Augusta, 28 August, 1789, by which it appears that Charles Damron served as a private in the second regiment of the late army and militia from 3 March 1779 to 3 March, 1786."

An affidavit from Bibb County, Ga. by George W. Moore, age 69, says: "He removed from Virginia in the year 1796 to Columbia County, Ga. and there he became acquainted with Charles Damron and his wife Polly Damron; that this deponent lived neighbors to them for several years, then moved to Jackson County in this state from there to Clark County in this state." He knew that Charles Damron moved from Columbia to Jackson County, Ga. where said Damron died, having had three children.

On March 16, 1855, age about 90, from Jackson County, Polly Damron applies for Bounty Land and this was "not received."

In 1849, John C. McCullough wrote to the Secretary of War re claim asking why it was so long delayed.

See the chapter on LazarusDameron of Albemarle County, Virginia, for a reference on Charles Damron. Mrs. Pearce found in the DAR Hist. Coll., Ga. where Charles Dameron m. Mary Moise (May) May 19, 1789, Richmond Co. Ga. Peter Culbreath, Sec., Wm. & Sarah Gardner, Wits. (Too bad Polly did not have this!)

3. JOSEPH DAMERON OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND CASWELL COUNTY, N.C.

Pension File 7129 is of "Joseph Dameron of Caswell County, N.C., Private in Co. com. by Capt. Mumford of the Regt. com. by Col. Downman in the Va. Line for 6 mos. 21 days from '80. On Pension Roll March 5, 1833, N.C. $22.33 per annum." The Declaration of Joseph Dameron is dated 7 Jan. 1833, Caswell County, N.C. It states that Joseph Dameron, age 70 years, on 2d of Feb. next "some time in the fall of the year 1780 and this declarant thinks perhaps in the month of September he entered the service of the United States as a soldier, he being drafted and entered in the company commanded by Capt. Mumford of the Militia of the County of Amelia in the State of Virginia in the regiment or company commanded by Colo. William Downman, and from the said county of Amelia they were marched to a place called Cabin Point where they were stationed until Gen. Greene passed by on way to south and the Amelia militia went on with Greene as far as Petersburg when his term expired. He gave up arms at Petersburg about the last of December, 1780." Then the next month about January, 'There was a general alarm in the country and a report that the enemy had come to Petersburg, and burnt the town, and were committing dreadful ravages in the country and all the people and men in the County were called upon to take up arms in defense of their country..." He volunteered under Capt. Robert Bolling and Lieut. Samuel Watkins and they were marched down to Petersburg, but found it not in danger. Then about February, 1781, he substituted for a man in the company of Capt. Wm. Harrison raised in the County of Brunswick for the aid of North Carolina and marched under Capt. Wm. Harrison and Lieut. John Williams in the company of Colo. Robert Mumford. They went through the southern part of Virginia to North Carolina and joined General Greene at High Rock. He was put under command of Col. Holcomb and Major Skipwith and pursued Cornwallis. They came up with him at Guilford Court House where they 'fought that memorable action, this declarant being in the action and fought during the battle." After the battle the troops rendezvoused at a place"called the old Iron Works where this declarant, together with the rest of his company of Virginia Militia, came off with credit and 'Pursued the enemy as far as to a place called Rumsour's Mills on Deep River, at this place we made a halt and the company to which this declarant belonged was ordered to Hillsborough, where the declarant was discharged." After serving out his time or term of service of three months he returned home to Brunswick County in the State of Virginia.

"At the time this declarant entered the service in the War of the Revolution, he lived in the County of Amelia, being then the manager on his father's plantation in that county, but at the time he substituted himself in the Volunteer Co. as mentioned before (his last tour of duty) he lived with his father in the Co. of Brunswick and State of Virginia." He served about 7 months, as he now recollects. "I was born I have been told by my father in Northumberland County, in the State of Virginia, on the 2d day of February, 1763. I was living in Amelia City in the State of Virginia when I was first called into service and also when I volunteered to go to Petersburg. I was living in Brunswick County and State of Virginia when I was called into service the last time on tour. I have lived since the Revolutionary War about 9 years in the State of Virginia near the place of my residence during the war in the several counties round about, being an overseer. I lived two years in the County of Halifax and State of Virginia and the rest of my time I have lived in the County of Caswell and State of N.C. where I now live. I recollect General Greene who commanded us at Guilford. I recollect Colo. Lee and Washington of the Horse who were with us and some others but was very little with the Regulars though they were with the Army where I was.

"I have lived upwards of thirty years in this county."

He gives names to testify to his good character such as William A. Lee, Paul A. Haralson, Sterling Gunn (?), who was at Cabin Point with Joseph Dameron.

On Jan. 7, 1833, George B. Dameron testifies to the facts "though he was not quite old enough to be in service with him." This is perhaps George Ball Dameron.

I have not copied down the entire Declaration and some of it was very hard to read. This Joseph was the father of George Ball Dameron. The DAR records on Joseph say he was a private in the Navy which must be a mistake, unless there were two of them.

Mrs. Pearce wrote that Joseph Dameron of Caswell married the widow of Robert Burton soon after the Revolutionary War was over. His step-daughter, Mary Burton married Noble Ladd, son of Joseph and Catherine Bacey Damon.

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The following is copied from Hero of Hornet's Nest, A Biography of Elijah Clark by L.F. Hays :

"Thomas, George and John Dooley crossed near the mouth of Broad River and found a place near the Savannah river, just below Fort James (his brothers). John Dooley and Elijah Clark were old friends from Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina before coming to Georgia. John followed Clark.

"John Dooley, first Maj. then Captain, then Colonel, was murdered in his sleep by Torys.

"John Dooley, signinghimself as Colonel of Militia of Wilkes County, Georgia, and Commandant of the Forces in the State of Georgia, issued a Proclamation, dated 27 June, 1779, from Butler's Creek, etc.

"The Supreme Executive Council ordered Wilkes County to form a more legal Court, so they organized a Court called 'Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery' and elected three justices: Absalom Beddell, Benjamine Catching and W.C. Downs,and made John Dooley Attorney for the State (1779-1780.)

Note by Mrs. Pearce: "There is much more about John Dooley and his family. He was a very prominent man in Georgia and I suppose was in North Carolina and South Carolina. His son was named John M. Dooley and he seemed to have just one son, but a number of girls. Col.'s wife's name was Dainah."

GEORGE DAMRON OF AMHERST COUNTY WITH MORGAN'S RIFLEMEN

I have already described the Revolutionary experiences of George Damron who enlisted in March, 1777, in Capt. Dooley's Company of Cavalry, and went from Halifax, Va. to Lincoln County, Ga. 1798.

There is a fascinating new book out by L. H. Sweeney called Amherst County, Virginia, in the Revolution, 1773-82, which includes Extracts from the Lost Order Book. Pages from 4 to 14 should be photostated for the record as they tell the story of Morgan's Riflemen and the whole campaign of the armies in which the Damerons fought. These men wore buckskin shirts and were the picked sharpshooters of the Revolution and the British regarded their marksmanship with superstitious awe. They carried a long knife and a tomahawk in their belts as well as the long hunting rifle. The 6th Foot went to Trenton, N.J. where they lost some prisoners March 14, 1777, and on March 5, same year, were in Pennsylvania etc. Morgan's Riflemen were at Valley Forge in 1777-78.

Page 16 has "A Muster Roll of Capt. Jordan Cabell's Comp^{y} of 6th Virginia Regiment of Foot in the United States of America under the command of Lieutenant Col^{o} James Hendricks for the month of May and June, 1777.

"No. 76 Thomas Moody, 12th Feby, died 16th Sept. (Drums and Fifes.)"
No. 26 "John Welch--supplied the place of Daniel Damron," p. 15.

Page 18, "A Pay Roll of Capt. Samuel Jorden Cabell's Comp^{y} of Sixth Va. Battalion of Continental Forces commanded by Lieutenant Col^{o} James Hendricks for the month of July, 1777:

"William Johnson
John Williams
George Damron, Private,"July 1, for 1 month, rate 6 2/3 dollars, amount of pay 2.10
William More, same information

Page 21 has "Pay Roll of Capt. Samuel Jorden Cabell's Co. of the Rifle Detachment Commanded by Col^{o} Daniel Morgan for Three Months from the 1st of August to the 1st of November, 1777:

"George Damron, Private, 6 2/3 dollars per month, whole pay in dollars 20; whole pay in Virginia currency 6 L."
William Moore (same information
William Johnson

Page 22 has "A Payroll of Capt. Benjamin Taliaferro's Comp^{y} of Detached Riflemen commanded by Col^{o} Danl Morgan for the month of December, 1777," in which all men got an "extra month's pay"allowed by the Honourable the Continental Congress." George Damron, private, 6 2/3 dollars per mo. whole pay in dollars 6 2/3. William Moore is the same. William Moore's name is next to that of George Damron on almost every payroll. The Moores intermarried with one of the Damron families, it must be remembered.. All of the above pay rolls refer to Morgan's Riflemen.

Amherst County Deeds show in 1786 a deed to George Dameron from Moses Ray, and in 1788 George Dameron deeds to Alex. Chesnall. William Dameron 1787 m. Susanna Lee, widow. In 1778 Charles Dameron deeds to Wm. Camden, Dunmore Dameron 1800.

In L. H. Sweeney's book Amherst County, Virginia, in the Revolution, 1773-82, page 23 has "A Payroll of Capt. Benjamin Taliaferro's Comp^y of Detached Riflemen commanded by Col^o Danl Morgan "from the first day of Feb. 1778 to the expiration of their service, including 15 days allowed them for going to Virginia":

"William Moore, discharged 16th Feby.
Geo. Damron, private, discharged 14th Feby, 29 days, dollars per mo. 6 2/3, whole pay in dollars 6 40/72."

"Page 54 has this about a Col. Dameron: "Henry McLain of Nelson County, Va. applying for a pension in 1832 said he enlisted from Amherst County, 12 months under Capt. Azariah Martin; marched to Hillsborough, then to Camden. The engagement in which Gen. Gates was defeated took place the following night. Before day they had orders to retreat. Gol. Dameron, who had lost his hat, told them to escape the best way they could, which they did and set off in great confusion, and from there returned home, as his company was not organized again." He had a record of more service later.

Page 148 of this book says Austin Knight married Elizabeth Ham. They "were m. in Amherst Co., Va. Feb. 24, 1789, by Rev. Dameron."

It is also noted that William Dameron sells land 1791. William Dameron and wife, Susannah, sell land, 1796. He buys land 1798. Dunmore Dameron buys land, 100 acres, north side of the Anne Laugh Creek.

The office of the Adjutant-General in the Washington, D.C. Archives has this George Damron listed as "6 V.R., Capt. Thomas Patterson's Co., Comd. Lt. Col. Hendricks."

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As to Nelson County, I found a Charles Dameron there near Albemarle in the 1810 Census, also John Q. and William.

In Index to Marriages of Nelson County, Va. I found these Damerons:

Abby, 65
Drury C., 19
James T., 25
William C., 84, 98
John, 36
Nicholas B., 91
William, 21, 28
William D., 74

J.W. Damron records showed John J. Dameron b. about 1836 m. Sarah F. Townsend b. about 1839, Nelson Co., Va.

4. THE REVOLUTIONARY RECORD OF CAPT. JOHN DAMRON

In Washington, D.C. I could not find any record of John Damron in the Pensions Bureau nor in the Old Records Department of the National Archives. However, I received a report from the Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. dated Nov. 28, 1952, which said:

"A careful search of the records of said war in the army archives has been made and no record has been found regarding any service rendered by Captain John Damron (Dameron) or Andrew Carson.

"The records show, however, that one John Damron (also shown as Dameron) served during said war as a private, Captain Harry Dudley's Company, 2d Virginia State Regiment, commanded by Colonel Gregory Smith. Neither the date of his entry into service nor the date of his separation therefrom is shown. His name first appears on the company pay roll from 15 March to 1 May 1778 and last appears on a List dated White Plains, 8 September 1778, which contains the following note-- 'The within Soldiers are to serve untill March 1780 agreeable to an Act Assembly-- H Dudley Capt 2 V.S.R.' and the remark: 'sick prest.'

"The records also show that one John Damron served during said war as a private in a company designated at various times as Captain Thomas Walker's and Captain William Henderson's Company, 9th Virginia Regiment, commanded at various times by Thomas Fleming, Esquire, and Colonel George Mathews. Neither the date of his entry into service nor the date of his separation therefrom is shown. His name first appears on the company pay roll for November 1776 and last appears on an undated 'List of Ballance of Pay due the Prisoners of Capt. William Henderson's Compy of the 9th Virga Regt to 4th Ocr 1777', which bears the remark: 'Taken Prisoner at the Battle of German Town Oct. 4, 1777."

Ruth Damron Dorius also tried to get more information from the Adjutant General but found only the same material: "John Damron 9 VR two yr. enlistment, Apr. 10, 1776-Oct. 4, 1778, Virg. Reg. in Continental Army. Was at White Plains, sick at Valley Forge, prisoner at Battle of German Town, Oct. 4, 1777, in Capt. Thom. Walker's Co. (later to Capt. Wm. Henderson's Co.) Thom. Fleming, Esq. commander. John Damron 2 V.S.R. Capt. Dudley's Co., March 15 to Sept. 8, 1778."

I then asked Anne Waller Reddy, of 1005 East Marshall Street, Richmond, Va., who is considered the leading genealogist on the Revolution in Virginia, to check the records and she reported:

"JOHN DAMERON, county not placed. Born 1757, died _____, married Ann Ladd, daughter of Noble Ladd and his wife _____ Dameron.

"Miscellaneous Revolutionary Box 5 shows a Roll of the 2d Va. State Regiment in which he served under Capt. Henry Dudley. War Department called W.D. 50, page 1, photostated, shows John Damron in the 2d Va. Regt. under Capt. Henry Dudley, Col. Gregory Smith, from 15 March to 1st May, 1778.

"Ibid, page 4, Pay Roll of Capt. Henry Dudley, 2d Va. Jul. 1778, JOHN DAMERON sick at Valley Forge. Not found again in the 20 pages belonging to this W.D. 50.

"Gwathmey states he was in the 2d Va. Regt. also in the 9th Continental Line.

"War Department 197, page 1, shows he served under Capt. Thomas Fleming, Dec. 1779 in the 9th Va."

Miss Reddy said she believed all these references were to one John Damron. She said there was no further material in the Virginia State Library though Gwathmey and others had other sources for their information also. Apparently it was an error to assign him to the 9th Continental Line, as the original reference which I saw showed the 9th Virginia State Regiment. It was in the Continental Line. It is very difficult to trace a captain of militia as these men often had no regular service and kept no records to speak of. The title "captain" may have come as a recruiting officer or as an honorary title later on in some veterans' organization. I have no record of his service as an officer, except that the Media Research Bureau's pamphlet on "The Name and Family of Dam(e)ron," said: "Among those of the name who served in the Revolutionary war were Colonel Thomas Dameron, Captain John Dameron, Abraham Dameron, Jacob Dameron, Joseph Dameron, Joshua Dameron and Thomas Dameron, all of Virginia; and George and Joseph Dameron of North Carolina." I tried to get further information, but this organization had closed down. The reference given was to the book "Soldiers from New York in the Revolution, 1932; also Encyclopedia Americana, 1932.

The tombstone in Drake Cemetery, Illinois, Johnson County, is one of the regulation type for Revolutionary veterans and is inscribed: "Capt. Jno. Damron, U.S. Soldier, Rev. War." Beside it is an identical one for Benegar Gill, father of Stephen who married Agnes Damron.

I asked Miss Reddy to check further and to try to trace some of the men and officers of the companies John Damron was in in an attempt to find the county John Damron enlisted from. She reported:

"Capt. Henry Dudley: the records do not show his county but he was of this section of Va.--King & Queen County or Gloucester County. He was operating in York County because he issued a warrant for supplies in that county. Elizabeth City County mentions in their claims the troop of Cavalry of Capt. Henry Dudley.

"Col. Gregory Smith (called in the record, I believe, Georg. Gregory Smith), was from King William County."

In a later report she said:

"Daniel Waller likely belongs to the Stafford family. I am rather familiar with the King William-Spottsylvania Wallers as they are my own and I have never seen a Daniel among their descendants. (I had asked her about him as his name was listed twice next to that of John Damron on the pay rolls and he appeared to be one of his companions in collecting this pay.)

"I have often done that checking to see if I could identify the man with a county. This I know: when Capt. Henry Dudley started, he was either from King and Queen or from Gloucester. Gregory Smith I know was from King William County. As the war moves on and some of the militia companies are called into the service with Continental units, different soldiers are shifted into the companies.

"Brumbaugh, the late historian, wrote one book on Virginia Revolutionary soldiers and I knew him very well and have visited him in Washington and he and his wife visited me when I was there. He was very disappointed that he could not get the records of the 9th Virginia. Mr. Strickler of Shenandoah County tried very hard to locate some of the early 8th Virginia which was the German Regiment, but the early Mecklenburg rolls are just not obtainable, as I know of.

"Drummers are often listed in the pay rolls although I will say more often they are not listed. However, a good many pay rolls which I have read lists the drummers. They were usually or often young boys.

"If you wish to see the book 'New York Historical Society Collections, Vol. II, p. 642, 1915, has a list of the Berkeley County Militia under Capt. Wm. Morgan.

"Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War is by McAllister. He lists the counties and also has two lists of Pensioners. He did not work even half of the Virginia counties. His work is very fine as it helps a great deal. Most county order Books list the officers appointed during the Revolution and he used these lists to publish. Such lists are usually available from the indices to the Order Books in most Revolutionary periods.

"W.D. reference is from War Department, Photostats of Virginia Revolutionary Records, of which the originals are in the U.S. Archives. With what I know of the different men and officers some times I can identify the county and again in many cases I do not have any idea. When one secures a W.D. Roll for 1775 and 1776 usually the men are from the same neighborhood but after passing 1777 say in '78 and '79, the pay rolls have been so deleted and changed by additions from other regiments that in these cases it is usually very difficult to locate the county from which the majority of the men came."

This report is dated Feb. 23, 1953.

I looked up the Report of the State Librarian of Virginia, "Revolutionary Soldiers of Virginia, by Eckenrode, and found John Dameron (2 V.S.R.), W.D. 50, 1, 4, W.D. 197, 1. (Virginia State Regiment--V.S.R.)

In the War Department Photos of Payrolls of Virginia Continental Line, referred to by folders (353 folders), I found the reference to John Dameron, "2 V.S.R.," referring to the 2d Regiment of Virginia State Line in the Continental Army. There was a James Ladd in the 1st Va. State Reg. W.D. 23, 1.

Nell Elkins Crawford Pearce of 500 Avalon Drive, West Memphis, Arkansas, found John Damron in Georgia 1787, 1789, in Wilkes County. "In 1799 he received several thousand acres of land in Washington Co., Ga. (That was mostly given to Rev. soldiers.) He sold all of this land, went back to Wilkes County in 1805, but with all of these deeds no wife signed with him (was trying to find Anna signing deeds.) After 1805 he was not to be found again. Simply lost him in Ga."

Following up this lead, she also found in Georgia Capt. John Dooley, officer of the company in which George Damron served in the Revolution, under command of "Col. White... of Pitsylvania in March, 1777," according to his pension declaration. George Damron lived in Halifax, Va. until moving to Lincoln Co., N.C. We find George Damron and a John Damron in Halifax County, and George is shown in LincolnCounty on the 1820 Census with a J. Damron.

Anne Waller Reddy reported "Marriages of Pittsylvania: John Dameron to Elizabeth Boyd, 31 Dec. 1795; George Dameron to S. Boyd, 5 Jan. 1785." She also found a reference on pp 1143 and 1345 to John Dameron in Annals of South West Virginia, but could not find the listing it referred to.

I had photostats made of the references to John Damron on the pay rolls and we tried to study them to trace the origin of some of the men in the companies to see if we could find where the company was raised.

Mrs. Pearce wrote that she could not find Capt. Henderson in Gwathmey, nor in the Roster of N.C. Rev. Soldiers, nor in the GARS; that the Virginia Tax List had 8 Williams listed, Counties Fayette, Augusta, Campbell, Rockbridge, Prince William, Washington, Loudon (this 1782-89.)

There is a book of Memoirs of the Militia of Virginia in the Revolution by Lee, and also a good deal of information is to be found in the State Records of the Virginia Assembly and of the North Carolina government.

Anne Waller Reddy has 150,000 unindexed names in her files and charges $10 to search for each name, but does not charge if she finds nothing on it. Her fee is $3 per hour, on regular work.

Undoubtedly John Dameron or Damron received the Georgia lands for his Revolutionary services. Mrs. Pearce sent these references: "Early Records of Georgia, Wilkes County, V. II: John Damron p. 109, Deed Book "HH" Wilkes County, Ct. House, p. 293. John Dameron of Wilkes County to Henry Harris of Richmond Co., 160 acres on waters of Williams Creek for 20 shillings. Oct. 5, 1789. Wits. Benj. Scott, Thos. Grant, Daniel Grant.

V. 1, p. 277, Deed Book "BB" 1787-1789, p. 73, Samuel Rutherford to wife Rebecca one half of all household goods for life. If she dies first, to dispose of half by will, if he dies first all to be divided. Jan. 25, 1788. Wits. Oliver Mathews, John Dameron."

Note by Mrs. Pearce: "The Mathews in Georgia were from Virginia and were very wealthy and very much thought of in Georgia. John Dameron received several land grants in Georgia. He disposed of all of them prior to 1805, but I could not find where Anna signed any of them. In fact, no one signed any of them with him.

She also found in the Reprint Land Lottery 1827, where Charles Damron drew, being thenof Jackson County, drew in Lee County; this says he was R.S. drew in Muscogee Co., Uriah Damron of Jackson County, drew in Carroll County, p. 99. Reference to Charles was p. 16, 196.

Nell Elkins Pearce tried to trace some of the men in Capt. Henry Dudley's company to their home counties in an attempt to find where John Damron enlisted from and found these in the Virginia census 1782-85:

John Stevens, three in Isle of Wight, one of Northumberland, one of Orange
Jesse Westmoreland, Mecklenburg
James Chisam, Halifax
David Fielder,none listed
Thos. Evans, Monongahela and one of Mecklenburg
James McCarter, Mecklenburg and Amherst
Edward Newman, City of Richmond, 1782
George Moore, six listed by this name
Thos. Phillips, 4 listed by this name
George Gardner, Surry, two in same county
Jno. Brandom, Lancaster
Wm. Fox, Mecklenburg, Shenandoah, Greenville
John Elliott, 6 of this name listed
Wm. Elliott, 6 of this name listed

Jacob Parkerson, New Kent
Thos. Humphrey, Cumberland

(Note: the other names were not to be found.)

The above looks like a Northumberland-Lancaster list, or Mecklenburg.

As to the officers, she found:

Nathaniel Hatch, Nath'l Hatcher listed, Chesterfield
John Davis, many of this name
John Brandom, Halifax 1785
John Downey, Gwathmey refers to 10th Reg. Va. Continental Line
Levi Coleman, 2 Va. State Regt.
John Dooley, not in Gwathmey,but has listed George, Bedford Co. Militia, Lst. Lt. 1779; Jacob, transf. to Cont. Army Line; Stephen, Eckenrode's book; Thomas, Capt. Bedford Co. Militia 1777; Jacob, Jr. Cont. Army, William, transf. to Cont. Line. John Dooley had bros. Geo. and Thomas and one other. All went to Georgia to fight.
Wm. Henderson, not in Gwathmey nor SAR records

In the 1776 pay roll, I noticed some Northumberland names: Lewis, Eubanks, Taylor, Cox, Harding, Harris, Waddy Vines. Garland is a Lunenburg name. Several Eubanks are listed. Blackwell is another Northumberland family.

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In the Public Service Claims 1776, Virginia, I found George Dameron, Northumberland Co. Com. Bk. IV, p. 115, also Onesephrous Dameron, Northumberland. This reference also had Jehosaphat Ladd,Fluvanna, John Williamson assignee, and Bartholomew Dameron, Court Book, p. 20, Cert. 1, Brunswick; Christopher, Brunswick, p. 20, 38; Cert. 1, Com. Book, p. 110; also Samuel, Brunswick, p. 72, Ct. Book. This is for Revolutionary supplies.

The Bounty Warrants Catalogue had Jacob Dameron, soldier, army, see papers, E. M. Crippin in 1807; Thomas Dameron, seaman, Lancaster, Navy, ment. of heir.

In the War of 1812 Catalogue, I found: Charles Dameron, Sergt. PR 251, MR 704, MR 706, MR 765, pp. 399: George C. PR 393; John C. Dameron,MR 127; John C. Dameron, PR 391; Luke Dameron, PR 381; Luke Dameron pension MR 127.

"A PAY BILL OF CAPT. THOMAS WALKERS COMPANY IN THE NINTH VIRGINIA REGIMENT WHEREOF THOMAS FLEMING, ESQ. IS COMMANDER FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1776.

	dollars		
Lieut. William Henderson	18	Amount Brot. forward	198
_____ Hudson Martin	18	William Boorcy (not clear)	6 2/3
Ensign John Hughson	13 1/3	Thomas Baber	6 2/3
Sergeants		Winslow Bunch	6 2/3
James Lewis	8	Hasting Watkins	6 2/3
David Merriwether	8	Ralph Baily	6 2/3
Thomas Mitchell	8	Benjamin Cox	6 2/3
Thomas Carr	8	John Gilasby (not clear)	6 2/3
Corporals		William Edwards	6 2/3
Charles Gadsby (Goolsby?)	7 1/3	Kimbro Saunders	6 2/3
Taliaferro Lewis	7 1/3	William Harding	6 2/3
Jessee Clark	7 1/3	William Davis (?)	6 2/3
Edwar d Garland	7 1/3	John J. Harriss	6 2/3
Zach. Lewis (Fifer)	7 1/3	Anthony Dalton	6 2/3
Privates		John Goodsby	6 2/3
John McGehee	6 2/3	John Damron	6 2/3
William Clark	6 2/3	Thomas Eubanks	6 2/3
James Eubanks	6 2/3	William Baily	6 2/3
Edmund Ragland	6 2/3	Thomas Jobling (?)	6 2/3
Edward Rogers	6 2/3	Daniel Thomas	6 2/3
John Taylor	6 2/3	William Elsom	6 2/3
Ransom Allphin	6 2/3	Waddy Vines	6 2/3
Thomas Isbell	6 2/3	James Goolsby (?)	6 2/3
William Blackwell	6 2/3	Richmond Dedman	6 2/3
Alexander Gilasby (not clear)	6 2/3	Henry Johnson	6 2/3
Henry Tylor	6 2/3		
Lewis Bush	6 2/3	Car^{d} for^{d}	358

(Note by H.F.S. The above was taken from the original hand written account in W.D. 197, Req. C 6999, of the War Department files. Below is another page from the same file:)

	Rank	Commence of Pay	Time of Service Months	Days	Pay pr Month Dolls.	Amount Casualty Pay Dew L	S	D
						114	12	
Charles Allen	Private	1 May	1		6 2/3	2		
Charles Smith	Do				6 2/3	2		
Edward Trackwell (?)	Do				6 2/3	2		
Ambrose Hord	Do				6 2/3	2		
Thomas Shores	Do				6 2/3	2		
James Eubanks	Do				6 2/3	2		
					402	126	12	
Deduct of Capt. Wm. Henderson's pay, he being Lieut. to the 10th Inst. 4 1/3 Doll.						1	6	
						125.	6	

JAMES CULBERTSON, LIEUT. GEO. MATHEWS COL. July 16, 1777,
PETER MUHLENBERG BG.

A PAY ROLL OF CAPT. HARRY DUDLEY'S COMPANY IN THE SECOND VIRGINIA STATE REGIMENT, COMMANDED BY COLL. GREGORY SMITH. TAKEN FROM THE FIFTEENTH OF MARCH TO THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 1778 60

NAMES	RANK	DOLLARS PR. MONTH	MONTHS	DAYS	AMT. IN DOLLARS
Harry Dudley	Captain	40	1	16	60
John Dudley	1st. Lieut.	27			40 1/2
Nathaniel Welch	2nd. Lieut.	27			40 1/2
John Fleet	Ensign	20			30
Reuben Whitlock	Sergt. Maj.	9	1 1/2		13 1/2
1 John Davis	Sergeant	8	1 1/2		12
2 Henry Bing	Do		1 1/2		12
3 William Jackson	Do		1 1/2		12
4 John Downey	Do		1 1/2		12
1 George Walding	Corpl.	7 1/3	1 1/2		11
Arius Baughan	Do		1 1/2		11
1 James Chavans	Private	6 2/3	1 1/2		10
2 William James	Do		2	16	16 2/3
3 Joel Shin	Do		1	16	10
4 Daniel Waller	Do		2	16	16 2/3
5 John Damron	Do		1	16	10
6 William Richardson	Do				10
7 Thomas Phillips	Do		2	16	16 2/3
8 Ellis Johnson	Do		1	16	10
9 Archer Holloway	Do				10
10 James McCarter	Do		2	16	16 2/3
12 Michael Downey	Do		1	16	10
13 Frederick Coghill	Do				10
14 William Fox	Do				10
15 Timothy Lynch	Do				10
16 William Jones	Do				10
17 Reubin Mann	Do				10
18 John Bandom	Do				10
19 Rhode Brandom	Do				10
20 James Hawks	Do				10
21 William Lock	Do				10
22 Jesse Westmoreland	Do				10
23 Joseph Westmoreland	Do				10
24 Merrit Mahone	Do				10
25 Drewry Pettiford	Do				10
		Carried up			531 1/6 Dollars
26 John Stephens	Private	6 2/3	1	16	10
27 George More	Do				10
28 Edward Newman	Do				10
29 Bozwell Richards	Do		2	16	16 2/3
30 William Dechazo	Do		3	16	20
31 Daniel Lockley	Do		1	16	10
32 Larkin Ferguson	Do				10
33 John Ferguson	Do				10
34 Richard Bell	Do				10
35 George Gardner	Do				10
36 Lewis Bingley	Do				10
37 David Fielder	Do				10
38 Thacker Buntin	Do				10
39 Benjamin Wilkerson	Do				10
40 Jacob Parkerson	Do				10

REMARKS

41 John Elliott 10
42 Isham Hartwell 10
43 William Wibling 10
44 John Olothlin 10
45 Jeremiah Graves 10
46 James Chisham 16 2/3
47 Elias Pettiford 10
48 Thomas Evans 10
49 William Elliott 10
50 Levi Coleman 10
51 George Godby 10
52 Archilas Minit 10
53 William Phelps 5 1/3
24 days 5 1/3 dollars, died 8th Apl 1778

Amount 829 Dollars

(Signed) H. Dudley, Capt.

(Signed) G. Smith, Col.

(W.D. 50, Req. C 6739)

"WE THE PRIVATE SOLDIERS IN CAPT. HENRY DUDLEY'S COMPANY ACKNOWLEDGE:

1.	James Chavans	Private	16 2/3	(Signed) James Chavans
2	Joel Akin	Do	16 2/3	Joel X (his mark) Akin
3	Daniel Waller	Do	16 2/3	H. Dudley for D. Waller
4	John Damron	Do	16 2/3	H. Dudley for John Damron
5.	William Richardson	Do	16 2/3	William Richardson (Signed)
6	Thomas Phillips	Do	16 2/3	H. Dudley for Thos Phillips
7	Elias Johnston	Do	16 2/3	Elias X (his mark) Johnson
8	Archer Holloway	Do	16 2/3	H. Dudley for Arch Holloway
9	James McCarter	Do	16 2/3	James (his mark) McCarter
10	George Carter	Do	16 2/3	George (G his mark) Carter
11	Michale Downey	Do	16 2/3	Michael Downey (signed)
12	Fredrick Coghill	Do	16 2/3	FredrickCoghill (signed)
13	William Fox	Do	16 2/3	(this has a check by it and crossed;
14	Timothy Lynch	Do	16 2/3	Timothy X (his mark) Lynch out
15	William Jones	Do	16 2/3	William X (his mark) Jones
16	Ruben Mann	Do	16 2/3	H. Dudley for R. Mann
17	John Brandom	Do	16 2/3	John Brandom by H. Dudley
18	Rhode Brandom	Do	16 2/3	Rhode X (his mark), Brandom
19	James Halks	Do	16 2/3	James Halks (Signed)
20	William Lock	Do	16 2/3	Wm Lock (Signed)
21	Jesse Westmoreland	Do	16 2/3	Jesse X (his mark) Westmoreland
22	Joseph Westmoreland	Do	16 2/3	J. Westmoland by H. Dudley
23	Merrit Mahone	Do	16 2/3	Mahon by Do
24	Drury Pettiford	Do	16 2/3	Drury X (his mark) Pettiford
25	John Stevens	Do	16 2/3	John Stevens (Signed)
26	George More	Do	16 2/3	George X (his mark) More
27	Edward Newman	Do	16 2/3	Edward X (his mark) Newman
28	William De Shazo	Do	16 2/3	W. Deshazo by H. Dudley"

(Note by H.F.S. The above was on a separate piece of paper next to the pay roll for June, 1778, for Capt. Henry Dudley's Company, 2d Virginia State Regiment, in W.D. 50, Miscellaneous Revolutionary Box 5. The regular pay roll did not have John Damron's name on it but this sheet carries it, though he did not receipt for it but it was received by Capt. Dudley. We can only guess why these men did not sign--perhaps they were ill and absent at Valley Forge or out on a scouting party. Also why this extra amount? Bonuses were paid for special service.

Only seven of the above could sign their own names. It is said that only about four hundred of these pay rolls are now of record. Probably many of the officers could not even write so they did not keep any.

After July when he is still sick at Valley Forge, 1778, John Damron's name does not appear again in the rest of the 20 pages foundin this Box of W.D. papers 50.)

"PAYROLL CAP. DUDLEY 2ND VIRGINIA STATE REG. FOR JUNE, 1778

"PAY ROLL CAPT. HENRY DUDLEY, FOR MONTH JUNE, 1778, (654 2/3 DOLLARS)"-from inside of the covering paper

NAMES	RANK	MONTHS	DOLLARS PR. MONTH	SUBST. MONEY	AMT. IN DOLLARS	REMARKS
Brought Over			394 2/3			
22 Joseph Westmoreland	Private	1	6 2/3		6 2/3	
23 Merrit Mahon	Do	Do	6 2/3		6 2/3	
24 Drury Pettiford			6 2/3		6 2/3	
25 John Stevens			6 2/3		6 2/3	
26 George Moore			Do		6 2/3	
27 Edw Newman					6 2/3	
28 Wm. Deshazer					6 2/3	
29 Danl Lockley					6 2/3	Sick & absent
30 Larkin Ferguson					6 2/3	
31 John Ferguson					6 2/3	
32 Richd Bell					6 2/3	Sick & absent
33 Geo. Gardner					6 2/3	Sick & absent
34 Lewis Bingley					6 2/3	Sick Abs.
35 David Fielder					6 2/3	Do Do & _____(?)
36 Benja. Wilkinson					6 2/3	
37 Thacker Buntin					6 2/3	
38 Jacob Parker					6 2/3	
39 John Elliot					6 2/3	
40 Isham Hartwell					6 2/3	
41 Willm Nibling					6 2/3	Sick Abst
42 John O'Locklin					6 2/3	
43 Jeremiah Graves					6 2/3	(Sick Abst)
44 James Chisholm		2	6 2/3		13 2/3	Sick in Feb. & March/
45 Eliase Pettiford		1			6 2/3	
46 Thos. Evans		Do	Do		6 2/3	
47 Wm. Eliot					6 2/3	
48 Levi Coleman					6 2/3	
49 Geo. Godby					6 2/3	(Sick & Abst)
50 John Wheeleys (?)		2	6 2/3		13 2/3	Omitted in April/
51 Archley Merrit (?)		1	Do		6 2/3	
52 Tapla Manes		Do			6 2/3	Sick & Abst.
53 Thos. Whitloe					6 2/3	
54 Francis Whitloe					6 2/3	
55 Wm. Charles					6 2/3	
56 Thos. Humphreys		3			20	Omited Ap. & May
					654 2/3	dollars

(Note: This is copied from War Department Box 50, Miscellaneous Revolutionary Box 5, Virginia State Library Archives. John Damron does not appear on the above but is on another list. He is not found after he is "sick at Valley Forge" in the rest of the20 pages of W.D. 50. Capt. Henry Dudley's company was a cavalry company as the Elizabeth City County records show a claim for his "troop of Cavalry," according to Anne Waller Reddy. He was according to family tradition a drummer boy in 1776--John Damron was.)

(OUTSIDE) "PAY ROLL CAPT. HENRY DUDLEY FOR MONTH JULY 1778 (587 2/3 Dollars)"

(INSIDE PAGE)"Pay Roll Capt. Dudley 2nd Virginia Reg. for July 1778."

NAMES	RANK	MONTHS	DOLLARS P. MONTH	FOR SUBSIST	AMT. IN DOLLARS	REMARKS
				Amt. brot forward	____	
20 John Stevens	Privt.	1	6 2/3		6 2/3	
21 Jesse Westmoreland	Do	Do	Do		6 2/3	
22 Rhoade Brandom					6 2/3	
23 Thacker Buntin					6 2/3	
24 Wm. Charles					6 2/3	
25 Fredk Coghill					6 2/3	
26 James Chisam					6 2/3	
27 David Fielder					6 2/3	
28 Wm Nibling					6 2/3	
29 Thos Evans					6 2/3	
30 Drury Pettiford					6 2/3	
31 Mw. Deshazoe					6 2/3	
32 Francis Whitloe					6 2/3	
33 James Hawks					6 2/3	
34 Levi Coleman					6 2/3	
35 James McCarter					6 2/3	
36 Archless Merrit					6 2/3	
37 Edward Newman					6 2/3	
38 Thos Whitton					6 2/3	
39 Geo Moore					6 2/3	
40 Thos Phillips					6 2/3	Sick Valley Forge
41 John Wheeley (?)					6 2/3	Do Do
* 42 John Damron					6 2/3	Do Do
43 Lewis Bingley					6 2/3	Do Do
44 Geo Gardner					6 2/3	Do Do
45 Danl Lockley					6 2/3	Do Do Ferry
46 Taply Manes					6 2/3	Sick Coryell's /
47 Richd Bell					6 2/3	Do Princeton
48 Joseph Westmoreland					6 2/3	Do Princeton
49 Danl Waller					6 2/3	Do Do
50 Archib Holloway					6 2/3	Do Do
51 John Brandom					6 2/3	Do Do 1778
52 Wm Fox		(26 days x'd out)			6 2/3	Deceased 26th July/
53 Reuben Mann					6 2/3	Sick Princeton
54 John Elliott					6 2/3	Do Do
55 Wm Elliott					6 2/3	Do Do
56 Timothy Lynch					6 2/3	
					589 2/3	dollars

Deduct sick Absent

2 corporals	12 2/3
16 privates	101 2/3
	116

(Note by H.F.S. These are copied from the original, brittle, yellow old pay roll papers in the Archives of the Virginia State Library in Richmond, inWar Department Miscellaneous Revolutionary Box 5. John Damron is shown from March 15 to May 1, 1778, is on the June roll and is "Sick Valley Forge" in July.)

5. THE BACKGROUND OF REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY

1757, Jan. 12	John Damron was born.
1776, Nov.	John Damron joins the 9th Virginia Regiment commanded by Thomas Fleming or Col. Geo. Mathews, in the company of Capt. Thomas Walker, later commanded by Capt. Wm. Henderson. The family tradition is that he was a drummer boy.
1777, Oct. 4	John Damron is"taken prisoner at the Battle of German Town Oct. 4, 1777," and dropped from the payroll of Capt. Henderson. He may have escaped or been exchanged, or this may have been a mistake and he could have been lost in battle.
1778,March 15,	May 1. John Damron's name is on the pay roll of "Capt. Henry Dudley's Company in the Second Virginia State Regiment, Commanded by Coll. Gregory Smith. He is a private.
1778,June	He is not on the regular payroll but is on a list as No. 4 which acknowledged receipt of 16 2/3 dollars in pay, signed for by Capt. Henry Dudley, which means that he was absent and perhaps sick at Valley Forge when his company moved on
1778,July	John Damron is shown on the pay roll as "sick Valley Forge," with five others. Taply Manes was left at Coryell's Ferry sick, which is where Washington crossed the Delaware, and five others are left sick at Princeton, N.J. or rather eight, of whom Wm. Fox died July 26, 1778. At this time 16 privates were sick and absent and two corporals. This shows that the 2d Virginia was under Washington's command and following his campaign northward.
1778, Sept. 8 "White Plains, N.Y."	John Damron is shown as "sick prest," and one of "The Within Soldiers are to Serve untill March 1780 agreeable to an Act Assembly. H Dudley Capt 2 V.S.R." This would be under the Virginia Assembly Militia in a Continental Line.
1780, March	John Damron would be released from his two years of service.
1781, Dec. 22	John Damron's first child is born, Joseph, so he must have married Anna Ladd on his return from service in 1780
1791, May 19	John Damron, Jr. is "born in Virginia," as he says in the 1850 Census records in Texas.
1804, Feb. 8	Anna Ladd, wife of John Damron, Sr. dies, and he later marries Cynthia, perhaps descendant of Noah Thompson of Bertie Co., N.C.
1811, July 31	Agnes Damron is born in Tennessee, according to the Census.
1815, Oct. 27	Elvira Damron is born in Illinois, where her father John Sr. was a Methodist Episcopal preacher.
1835, Sept. 5	Will of John Damron, Sr. is signed, Franklin County, Illinois, but there is no record that it was probated. His tombstone in Drake Cemetery, Franklin County, Ill. is inscribed: "Capt. Jno. Damron, U.S. Army, Rev. Soldier." He could have become a captain between 1778 and 1780. It is possible there were two John Damrons in the Revolution but we have no reason to think so at present.

As these two Virginia regiments were fighting in George Washington's campaign in the north, the history can easily be found in any history book on the Revolution. It was Morgan's Virginia Riflemen who defeated Burgoyne in 1777. I made a few notes from A Short History of the American Revolution by J.H. Preston, as follows:

In September, 1777, Burgoyne and his British troops crossed the Hudson River at Saratoga, N.Y. and Gates was stationed on Bemis Heights with the Pole Kosciusko with him. Gates "went out on the morning of the nineteenth: With him were Dearborn's light infantry and Morgan's white-smocked riflemen from Virginia. They marched along the Quaker Road from Bemis Heights, with the dream of cutting off Burgoyne's right wing under Frazer . . . Morgan's crack riflemen climbed trees, perched themselves with their trusty rifles among the top branches and waited for the sight of Burgoyne's fine circus parade... Morgan's men were aiming at the officers. The British recoiled in panic . . . The snipers were everywhere . . . in every tree . . . behind every stump. Dearborn's infantry lies hidden, flat on their bellies . . . Two hours pass. The British are in hopeless confusion . . . " Then fresh reinforcements of 900 Hessians arrive to help the British. Arnold, the Connecticut commander, withdraws to Bemis Heights when dark comes. At this time the cabal of Gates was started to have him take the place of Washington who had had so many defeats and who was then still in Pennsylvania.

"On the twenty-third (1777) Sept. Gates removed Dan Morgan's riflemen and Dearborn's light infantry corps from Arnold's command, and assumed them for himself.

George Dameron was with Morgan's Riflemen, it must be remembered. Morgan continued to harass the enemy constantly, then on Oct. 7, 1777, three days after the Battle of German Town in Pennsylvania, another battle began. "Morgan went out with his lean-faced riflemen from Virginia and swept against the British left flank." Burgoyne was defeated and retreated to Saratoga, and on Oct. 17, surrendered, 10 days after the battle, handing his sword to Gates, who had not done much of the fighting at Saratoga.

Meantime George Washington had been badly defeated at Chad's Ford in the Battle of the Brandywine and Howe was in Germantown with about 6,500 men. Washington had about 11,000 men but a fourth "were unfit for heavy service." In the evening of Oct. 3, 1777, Washington moved south out of Pennypacker's Mills, marching fourteen miles in the dark without sleep and food. At dawn they advanced on the British at German Town. Wayne, Sullivan, Greene, Pulaski and Washington were in command. Mad Anthony Wayne attacked while Washington was "lost in the fog," but they spent most of their time bombarding the Chew house where the British officers had taken refuge. "Just at this moment, Greene's right wing under Stephen came roaring up through the fog, forty-five minutes late. The good General Stephen was footsore and weary." Stephen's men proceeded to attack their own Americans under Wayne whom they couldn't distinguish in the fog. Then Wayne was at the same time attacked by the British on his other flank. Greene and Peter Muhlenberg drove on and met the British in the center of German Town village in house to house bayonet fighting. The Americans were badly defeated and Howe marched into Philadelphia to take up winter quarters in great luxury while the Americans stayed at Valley Forge near Philadelphia. We must note that Peter Muhlenberg was the Brigadier over Col. Geo. Mathews and Capt. Wm. Henderson's company and signed a voucher July 16, 1777, though John Damron is not listed on this fragment of record which includes only six privates.

(1) THE WINTER AT VALLEY FORGE

In October, 1777, the British had destroyed the American forts on the Delaware. "Washington staggered, broken-hearted, and tired, marched what was left of his army out into the hills along the Schuylkill, some twenty miles from Philadelphia and settled down for the winter. It was a sad army . . . The new encampment was a high spot among rolling, snow-burdened hills--a bleak outpost in the teeth of the four winds. There were a few houses, a forage where the Valley Creek ran into the Schuylkill with a babbling gurgle... Valley Forge, they called it . . . where the wolves howled in the night, where winter blizzards whistled eerily through the bare ravines." Washington took up headquarters in the little stone house owned by Deborah Hewes, which I have visited, and drove all over the Valley Forge area in the spring when it is covered with dogwood in bloom. It is a very pretty place in the spring. In 1777 Alexander Hamilton was Washington's chief secretary. He was an Englishman from the West Indies, the Barbadoes, and had these colonial ideas rather than those of a native American like Jefferson.

"The soldiers at Valley Forge built their own huts... The naked, torn feet of the men left trails of blood in the snow. To find fresh food was harder than finding green grass under those December skies. The meat was spoiled, the potatoes old and withered, the parsnips and celery frozen and black. Occasionally there were rabbits... When they slept they huddled together like so many sheep for warmth. A sentinel going out on duty in the night borrowed all the clothes his messmates could loan him . . . and when he returned from his arctic vigil he would turn over all his clothes to the next sentinel to go out. That dashing young captain Allen McLane took his wife's household and table linen and had it cut up to make breeches for his cavalrymen. Picturesque they were, riding through the snow on foraging expeditions around that countryside, with their white table-cloth trousers, their beaver hats, without greatcoats and without boots, at a temperature of ten above zero. McLane's raiders . . . (attacked) the wagons that carried farm supplies to the British at Philadelphia . . . The farmers in the neighborhood of Philadelphia, most of whom were Quakers, brought Howe a large part of his meat and provisions. They might have done the same for Washington if he had been able to pay them in anything but those worthless Continentals . . .

"The country's indifference to the army's situation at Valley Forge in that winter could not have been greater . . . the soldiers wrapped their feet and legs in sacks, and these froze "till they grew black,' as La Fayette wrote, 'and it was often necessary to amputate them.' Wayne wrote in a letter that 'Some hundreds we have thought prudent to Deposit some six feet under the Ground--who have died of a disorder produced by want of clothing." . . . In February, 1778, the forage problems became desperate. There was no hay in the barns and the poor animals, with ribs as prominent as the strings of a harp, had to munch on dried twigs and pine needles. They died by the hundred. It was impossible to bury them in the frozen ground... Pneumonia and smallpox raged through the camps. Dysentery cut down burly farmers as poison gas does. One hospital building, crowded with two hundred and fifty beds made of filthy straw and covered with foul old blankets, was jammed to the doors with a thousand or more trembling specters, puking, hideous with smallpox, three or four in the same vile bed, screaming in pain and delirium. As they died, they were thrown out to make room for others who were coming in.

"The stream of deserters swelled as the winter became more gloomy. They swarmed out of Valley Forge . . . and sold their rifles to buy food. Washington had taken a force of nearly 10,000 men into Valley Forge. By March, 1778, 3,000 had deserted to the British. On Feb. 5, he reported 3,989 men unfit for duty because of their utter lack of shoes and clothes... their wives and children were without bread, without meat, without wood, and some of them were as shoeless and coatless as the army... On March 7, Congress... issued a proclamation appointing a "day of fasting and prayer."

Meantime the Conway Cabal had tried to discredit Washington and replace him with Gates, who was always dreaming of a new Bunker Hill for himself and as is shown dramatically inthe story of Thomas Moody of Camden, in that battle he told the men not to shoot till the British were up close--and this caused one of the bloodiest debacles of the Revolution. On July 4, 1778, Cadwalader had a duel with Conway and killed him.

"In 1777... the British War Office soaked Kentucky, Virginia and Ohio in blood... Henry Hamilton ... received instructions from London to commence open warfare upon the border settlements . .. Burn the villages. Destroy the crops. Kill men, women and children indiscriminately. The Indians would be his henchmen . . . The country teemed with massacres and ravage . . . Hamilton's program included the annihilation of every white family on the Ohio that was not Tory." Then in late 1777 George Rogers Clark went to Williamsburg, Va., and asked Patrick Henry to send him out to put a stop to the outrages and on Jan. 2, 1778, they voted him the powder and guns. He went down the Ohio in bulky flatboats and landed at the Falls, now Louisville, Ky., May 27, then on to Fort Massac, where they landed and made way to Kaskaskia, which they captured.

"May 6, 1778, was the resurrection day of the American battle soul. On that day every soldier at Valley Forge was relieved of his duties and the whole army threw itself into a gay party in celebration of the glorious French alliance . . . Spring had come at last to Valley Forge . . . The whole countryside had turned out. The army went through the music of the grand parade, high stepping to the music of the fifes and drums. 'Yankee Doodle went to town, he rode upon a pony. He stuck a feather in his cap, and called it macaroni.' Every soldier wore a cocky white spring flower in his battered old hat . . . Washington rode up ahead on a white charger rainbowed with regimentals."

It is said that Howe was a strong Whig and did not want to fight the Americans to a finish but to keep a stalemate in order to force a settlement and also to embarrass the Tories in England. In any case, "Howe's failure to swallow up Washington's pathetic little army at Valley Forge baffles explanation... He knew that Washington's force did not exceed 3,500, that he had hundreds of sick, that he had very little food, that his ammunition was low, that his patrol system was lackadaisical and his defenses flabby . . . he reiterated his stand that the war was impracticable and said he thought it would be wise to grant the Americans their independence now, on English terms, rather than wait for the time when Washington could name terms of his own."

Howe crossed the Delaware on his route back to New York, after resigning and evacuating his army from Philadelphia on June 18, 1778. "They crossed the Delaware to Camden, New Jersey,and set out on the weary trek to New York . . . Before noon on the eighteenth, a spy who galloped wildly into Valley Forge . . . made Washington jump at his cry that the British were gone... Valley Forge bristled with excitement and turmoil. The general officers raced about shouting orders and arguing among themselves. Wayne and La Fayette had a hurried meeting in the living room of the Marquis' headquarters, the little white house in the valley . . . Washington left Valley Forge on the twentieth. At noon of the twenty-first, he crossed the Delaware at Coryell's Ferry. His men had been drenched in a cloudburst and the humidity was so heavy that their clothes would not dry and hung like slimy weeds on their exhausted bodies. Some of them were naked from the waist up and their sunburned backs, with the great white welts from mosquito bites, glistened with sweat."

We see that at this time Capt.Henry Dudley's regiment and company were marching in 1778 and left six sick at Valley Forge, including John Damron, and then when they were at Coryell's Ferry left Taply Manes sick, and left eight others sick at Princeton, including Wm. Fox who died there 26 July, 1778.

Washington had decided not to let the British cross the Jerseys without a fight. They started off and "the army marched through Princeton... The army staggered on, gasping for breath, their hot clothing soaked with perspiration... One by one they keeled over and lay prostrate by the roadside... they marched along in tattered shirts and butternut jackets, and some had torn up hunks of cool moss along the banks of streams to protect their bare heads from this tormenting sun... The Americans trailed the enemy to Monmouth Court House by following the line of dead bodies." At dawn June 28, 1778, Mad Anthony Wayne attacked Clinton's rearguard, and it was a close, bloody battle, in which the British ultimately withdrew. Washington "sent General Poor's Southerners out to the right, posted Woodford on the left . . ."

Washington then moved on to White Plains, N.Y., and in 1778 September, Washington left his headquarters at White Plains. We note that John Damron was at White Plains, Sept. 8, 1778, when he signed up for another two years but was "sick prest." This would be at the time Washington was leaving his headquarters at White Plains. The book New York Soldiers in the Revolution has a reference to Capt.John Damron, and also there is a reference in New York Historical Society Collections, V. II, 1915, p. 642, to the list of Berkeley County, Virginia, Militia under Capt. Wm. Morgan.

Joseph W. Damron said that John Damron remembered Washington and that he had an "angelic look." As Washington never fought in any battles south of Virginia, nor in any in Virginia but Yorktown I believe, he must have seen him at German Town and Valley Forge and in the northern campaign. Washington went to Boston as soon as he was made commander-in-chief and conducted the campaign in the north from then on, while the southern states had other officers. If John Damron were at White Plains in 1778 he must have been in Washington's headquarters, as Washington had only a small guard there and would naturally prefer Virginians for his guard probably.

THE DAMERON-DAMRON GENEALOGY.

PART TWO

PART TWO: BRANCHES OF THE DAMERON FAMILY.

1. THE "HUGUENOT DAMERONS" AND THE DAMERONS OF CASWELL COUNTY, N.C. AND RANDOLPH COUNTY, MISSOURI.

There is a mysterious story about a "Huguenot" Dameron which I have not been able to trace. So far as I can tell it originated in the article in American Ancestry on James Palatine Dameron: "Son of Wm. Moore Dameron of Mt. Airy, Mo. b. Caswell County, 1799, who was the son of George Ball Dameron of Randolph County, Mo. b. Brunswick Co., Va. 1771, Methodist, married 1799 Mary Moore, whose mother was a Ball and related to George Washington; son of Joseph Dameron of Hanover, Va.; at Battle of Guilford Court House in Revolutionary Army, father a Huguenot came from France abt. 1700, settled at Monaskin above Richmond, Va."

First of all, there is no "Monaskin" above Richmond. Monaskon is in Lancaster County, next to Millenbeck, and was the seat of the Fox family, founded by Hannah Ball and Capt. Fox. It is near Lively and not far above Weems. I talked with Mrs. Chidester T. Pierce of Nuttsville, Va., on this point and she said she knew Monaskon thoroughly and no Dameron ever owned land there. However, she said that James Ball b. 1678 d. 1754, married as his second wife 1707, Mary Conway Dangerfield, widow, and third, Mary Ann Bertrand Ballantine, dau. of Rev. Bertrand and Lady Bertrand, French Huguenots. There were several Sarah Balls and one might have been connected with the Huguenots in some way. Millenbeck was the Ball place.

The Huguenot settlement above Richmond was Manakin, but I have not been able to find any Dameron connected with it. A list of 1714 shows 300 in the colony. Manakintown was assigned to the Huguenots by an act of Assembly of 1690, of whom at that time there were a million in France.

The Name and Family of Dam(e)ron, by Media Research Bureau, says: "A Huguenot bearing the name of Dameron, came to Hanover, Va. about 1700. His son, Joseph, settled at Monaskon. Joseph had a son George by his wife, Mary Moore, whose mother bore the surname Ball, and was related to George Washington. Joseph and Mary with their son George moved to Randolph County, Mo., they had there another son, William Moore of Mt. Airy, Mo., who served as a Captain in the Black Hawk War. He married Elizabeth Ingraham, by whom he had at least one son, James Palatine. James Palatine Dameron removed about 1849, to San Francisco, where he was in turn a miner, a farmer, a rancher, a lawyer, and a writer on anthropology."

Now this Joseph Dameron, the Revolutionary soldier, is the same one born in Northumberland, died in Caswell County, N.C. who is described in the section on the Damerons in the Revolution. He was in Brunswick County with his "father" he says, who undoubtedly belonged to the family of Christopher Dameron. Mrs. Cornelius told me this Joseph went to Brunswick with Sarah Ball Dameron and her family and was one of them. She also said she believed there was no Huguenot Dameron and that all Damerons are of one family, of Virginia. It is possible that a Dameron married a descendant of the Bertrand-Ball family and thereby acquired the Huguenot tradition.

(Note: There is an article on Monaskon and the Fox family in William and Mary Quarterly. There was a Sarah Ball, oldest daughter of John Ball, Will 1751. Also Capt. David Ball died 1770 had a daughter Sarah mentioned in his will. The story that the DAR Lineage books have of a Sarah Ball marrying Joseph Dameron may have some basis or may be merely confused with the connection with Sarah, wife of Christopher.)

In Northumberland Christopher Dameron in his will dated May 10, 1762, gives to his son Joseph Dameron, a negro--the only person mentioned in his will. This was proved by oaths of Bartholomew Dameron and Rodham Lunsford. The above Christopher I believe to be a son of Christopher of the Will 1764 and his wife Sarah Ball, though he is not mentioned in his father's will as he died earlier, apparently young with only one child. There is also a Joseph, son of Sarah Ball Dameron, who was in Brunswick. In 1762 he married Patience Coppedge and went to Brunswick. Joseph, the Revolutionary soldier, was born 1763, and could be their son--he died 1834 in Caswell County, and his son George Ball Dameron was born 1780.

The DAR Lineage books say Joseph Dameron married Sarah Ball 1780. However, the Marriage Register of Caswell County, N.C. shows that Joseph Dameron married Mary Burton 2 Apr. 1790. Now who is this Joseph? If George Ball Dameron were born 1780, it could not be the Revolutionary Joseph. Mrs. Pearce wrote: "That Mary Burton was the step-daughter of Joseph Dameron. He had married the widow of Robert Burton soon after the Rev. War was over." She refers to Noble Ladd, son of Joseph Ladd and Catharine Bacey Damon, and cousin of Anna Ladd who married John Damron.

Now was the Joseph 1763-1834 the son of Christopher, Will, 1762-- or of Joseph and Patience Coppedge? Or was his father some mysterious Huguenot Dameron from Hanover and Monaskon? The will of Christopher was in Book 6, p. 31, March 9, 1762, proved May 10, 1762. Joseph's Pension file says he was born Feb. 2, 1763, Northumberland, and that his father lived in Brunswick in 1781. Therefore, he must have been the son of Patience Coppedge, if she had a son Joseph--I have not seen any record of her family. George B. Dameron testified that he was "too young" to go with Joseph into the army, in an affidavit from Caswell County. As he was not born until 1780, this seems to be a statement of the facts correctly. From this affidavit it sounds more as if George were a nephew or cousin than a son of Joseph, and we do not know how many mistakes there may be in the DAR genealogy.

There are records of the Huguenot Society of America and of France. R.A. Brock has documents, chiefly unpublished, relating to the Huguenot emigration to Manakin, including the genealogy of the Marye (Maury), Fontaine, and other families. The famous Huguenot Fontaine was minister in Westover in Charles City County, as mentioned p. 314 by Bishop Meade. This was the Rev. Peter Fontaine. Vestrymen there then were Carter, Lightfoot, Byrd, Lewis, Nelson, Tyler, Wilcox and Douthat. In the appendix to the Douglas Register of Goochland we find an article on King William Parish or Manakin Town and "The Huguenot Settlement on the James River." It says that in 1700, 500 immigrants came to Virginia under the Marquis de la Muce in four debarkations (see Beverley's History of Virginia, p. 244; Baird C.W. II, p. 177). Rev. William Douglas was in charge of their parish Manakin Town from 1750 to 1777, but he was an Episcopal minister. Manakin is now in Powhatan but originally was in Henrico. Some of the names were Marye, Fontaine, Dupuy, Perrou, etc. Washington was taught by a Marye (Maury), and President Monroe was a pupil of Douglass at first who came as his tutor 1749; later Jefferson was tutored by him also. Some Welsh also came as "in ye 1st ship" p.369 were Gillan, Saye, Peter Parry etc. It was also called Monacan Town, p. 371, from the name of the Indian tribe Monacan. I found no Dameron nor Ladd on the Huguenot lists of names. However, I found the first child of Judith Dameron and Noble Ladd born 1753 in Goochland, in the Douglas Register. Manakin was in King William Parish where Douglass was 19 years, having come to Goochland 12 Oct. 1750 to St. James Northam Parish, and was for 27 years head of Dover Church.

The only Dameron I have heard of who might be a Huguenot is "John Damerall," in Early Settlers of Maryland, folio 471, in 1673, This was found by Mariam Damron Cropper, and the list, Muster Rolls 1757-58, also has Richard Ladd, liber 15, folio 322, transported1674, Jane Ladds, liber 7, p. 472, transported 1664, wife of William, and William Ladds, liber 7, transported 1664. However, this may be the Capt. John Dameron of the "Duty," who is listed in Maryland, which is just across from Northumberland County. It is possible this John Dameron did not stay as I have run across people who are listed three or four times as headrights--every time they travelled to and from Virginia to England.

Julia Dameron Old wrote me from Virginia Beach Mar. 18, 1953: "I feel sure Tyler's is correct that the Damerons came from England and they went there from France. The coats of arms are from France and Bruges ... My grandfather, James Albert Dameron, said that the Damerons of Northumberland came from England but that some of them in Louisiana were French Huguenots. So far as I know, there are no Damerons from Ireland or Germany."

Meade says in his book on Old Churches etc., p. 465: "The very best of the old ministers of Virginia were from this stock (the Huguenots), Moncure, Latane, the two Fontaines, the two Maurys." He notes those of Revolutionary descent in his book as Chief Justice Jay, of New York, Bayards, Legare, Laurens, Grimky, Marion, Neuvilles, Rutledge, Gervais. He says, p. 465, that James Maury was ordained in 1742. The son of the first one went to Albemarle, Fredericksville parish. The Maurys were from Gascony. Maury was the teacher of George Washington and an important influence in his thinking. Meade says that in 1660 some Huguenots came ovwr and in 1714 there were 300 in the colony on the James. Dupuy came to Manikin in 1700, p. 468.

(1) THE MOORE FAMILY OF VIRGINIA

While on the subject of the Joseph Dameron line, I will include a few notes on the Moore family. Their house, Chelsea, was a famous estate in King William County, Va., named for the seat of the family of Sir Thomas More in England, from whom the Tidewater Moores claimed descent. It will be remembered that Sir Thomas More, 1478-1535, was lord chancellor of England and author of the book Utopia, from which we derive the adjective "Utopian" to describe an ideal society. He was executed for treason in 1535 for refusing to take the Oath of Supremacy. His book was brought to America by the colonists and they read it with much interest. His descendants no doubt tried to make as ideal a society as they were able to do.

Bernard Moore of Chelsea became a prominent figure in the colony and married Anne Katherine, daughter of the Royal Governor, Alexander Spotswood. 'Though her husband was loyal to Virginia during the Revolution,' Lancaster reported, 'it is said that this fair and spirited daughter of a royal governor disobeyed the official prohibition of tea-drinking." (Wilstach, p. 224, Tidewater Virginia.) Just above Chelsea is Elsing Green, home of the Dandridges, William, who owned it being the uncle of Martha Dandridge Custis, the widow who married Washington. In 1758 it was owned by Carter Braxton, signer of the Declaration of Independence. Meade says Spotswood was born 1676, son of Sir Robert whom Sir Walter Scott says was executed in Scotland as a Cavalier. J. C. Hotten lists about twenty Moores who came to America. James is on the Elizabeth City list 1624, Leonard came in the Bona Nova and inhabited "colledge land." The Moore house in Yorktown was the famous place where Washington and Cornwallis negotiated the Surrender.

The Marriage Register of Caswell County, N.C. has the following, copied by Mariam Damron Cropper:

James K. to Olive Ann Moore, 1840
Alexander M. to Martha P. Dameron 1821
Azariah to Lucretia Burch 1848
Bartholomew to Rebecca Malone 27 Aug. 1798, bondsman and wit. Vines Mathis
Benjamin to Matilda Mathews 1820
Christopher to Sally Ware 1815
Christopher to Martha A. Cameron 1851
Harrison to Martha P. Dameron 1822
Henry W. to Sarah E. Russell 11 Jan. 1856
James B. to Elizabeth Connally 1829
James H. to Sally Thomas, 1846
James K. to Barsheba Bateman 1829, JOHN DAMERON, Bondsman
JOHN DAMERON to Nancy Love 1828
JOHN DAMERON to Jane Richmond 1834
JOHN DAMERON to Cathrine Evans 1841
Joseph Dameron to Mary Burton 2 Apr 1790
Joseph C. Dameron to Sarah Roan, 1841
Samuel to Sally Holcomb 10 Jan. 1799
Samuel to Fanney Sammall 11 July, 1801, Joseph Dameron, Bondsman
Samuel to Susan Bateman, 1828
William to Cathrine Dameron 1814
William to Mary Malone, 1820
William J. to Alice S. Travis, 1841
William M. to Sarah F. Browning, 1852
Williamson to Polly Evans 1813, Geo. B. Dameron, Bondsman
William A. to Martha M. Murry, 1853
Zachariah E. to Martha Day, 1847
James K. DAMARON, to Olive Ann More, 1840

The Index to Brides shows the following Damerons: Cathrine, Elizabeth, Frances, Frances H., Judith, Martha, Martha to Edmond Warren, 1829; Martha A. to Wm. Scoggins, 1852; Martha P., Mary, Mildred to James Richmond, 1860, Nancy, Nancy to John Smith, 1862, Patience, Phoebe to Barzillai Wisdom, 1827; Phoebe, Polly, S.W., Salinda, Sally, Sarah, widow, to Samuel Pittard, 1866; Sarah, Susan, Susan, E. H. Dameron. "I didn't follow through on all the brides," Mrs. Cropper noted.

Mrs. Pearce wrote: "There were many Damerons in Caswell County, N.C. Many went from there to Missouri but this was generations, about two or three later. Have much Missouri data but have not been able to get any helpful data from Caswell County, N.C." She is referring to the search for the ancestry of our John Damron b. 1757. She added: "All of the Damerons who left Caswell County, N.C., and went to Randolph County, Mo. are too young for us, and since we know the names of all of our John's children, they give us no information from Mo. I have, I think, all records from Randolph County, Mo." Mrs. Pearce added: "I had a wonderful professional genealogist do a lot of work forme on the North Carolina Damerons, especially Surry County; this is where Noble Ladd died and where we found Moses Dameron, son of Lazarus, in 1753, and lost him there in 1763 to 1770; the first deed Moses had in N.C. was Rowan County; that was for the 1753 deeds; it was then taken into Surry County. I have searched all wills of Chowan County, N.C. up to 1760, no Damerons. Maybe this was one of the Damerons who lived back and forth across the state lines of Va. and N.C. I have not been able to find any Damerons in N.C. in the Revolution except George and Joseph, but that does not mean anything."

(Note: When I checked the Documents Relating to the Huguenot Emigration to Virginia at Manakin-town, Virginia Hist. Soc., I found no Damerons nor Moodys, and only one Ladd p. 194, desc. of John Pleasants, a quaker from Norwich, Engl. 1665, age 25, who settled at Curles, Henrico Co. and m. Jane Tucker. Bertrand is mentioned.)

PART TWO: 1. THE"HUGUENOT DAMERONS"AND THE DAMERONS OF CASWELL COUNTY, N.C. AND RANDOLPH COUNTY, MISSOURI.

Julia Dameron had laid one of the Huguenot ghosts, I think, by finding a reference to the Dupuy-Dameron connection, Dupuy being a leader of the Huguenots who came to Manikin in 1700, and I believe he was an ancestor of George Washington. She did not know the reference but had it written as follows:

"7. Bartholomew Dupuy (b. 1650,)Huguenot from France with his wife, Susanne LaVillon, came to Monacon Town, Va., 1700. (This is one spelling of Manakin.)

" 6. Their dau. m. Tribue.
" 5. Their dau. m. Edward C. Clay.
" 4. Mary m. Joseph Dameron, soldier of the American Revolution.
" 3. Eliza Ingraham (1800-70) m. her 4th cousin, Wm. Moore Dameron (1799-1839) son of Geo. Ball Dameron (1775-1848), Col. in Black Hawk Indian War.
" 2. Son of John Vaughan (1873-84) farmer, m. Adeline Dameron (1830-84.)"

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Annabel Walker sent me a certified copy of the following document, and said: "The more I study about this Joseph who died in 1818, the more I think he might be the father of John, our ancestor. I think John, Sr. was a half-brother and born of the first wife whoever she was. George B. was a brother to Joseph the Rev. soldier. Joseph was only 17 years old when he entered the Revolution so George couldn't be a son."

WILL OF JOSEPH DAMERON,SENR. 1818

"In the name of God amen I Joseph Dameron of Caswell County and State of North Carolina but to mind the certainty of death do make ordain, constitute & appoint that my last will & Testament in manner & form following vizt.: I first submit my soul to God that gave it & my body to the estate from whence it came, as to what worldly goods I have as follows after my debts is paid my desire is that my estate be kept together on the premises at the discretion of my executors hereafter named; & that my wife be supported from the same during her natural life or widowhood but if they find the estate wasting they are to hire & rent and during her time but she is to be supported out of the same at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named if any of our children now single should marry the Executors shall have it in their power to help them to the value of forty dollars but as for what few slaves I have I forbid being sold my desire is that they be valued by the appointment of my executors that is the negroes come by my last wife & to her last six children; as for Charles my desire is that he have his choice sold or hired out yearly & that being a public speaker for God he shall have one third of his income to support him as a preacher & two thirds of his income go to my first wife's children. I also give them seventy dollars a piece, this all is to be after the death of my wife or marriage or for what part of my estate that is not already given to be equally divided amongst my last children. Lastly I appoint George B. Dameron & John P. Harrison my Executors in witness my hand & seal this 26th of January 1818.

Test: Thos Gunn
Starling Gunn
J.C. Smith

JOSEPH DAMERON SENR. (SEAL)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
CASWELL COUNTY

April Court 1818

"This last Will & Testament of Joseph Dameron Sen. was duly offered for probate when Starling Gunn one of the subscribing witnesses thereto being sworn did depose & say that the said Joseph Dameron Sen. signed sealed & delivered this will as his last will & Testament in his presence & in the presence of Thos. Gunn & J.C. Smith two other subscribing witnesses that at the time of signing the same he was of sound mind

& disposing memory whereupon it was ordered by the Court that the said will be recorded & George B. Dameron & John P. Harison Exectrs therein named come into Court & duly qualified Exectrs. & Letters testamentary proved accordingly--

Test: Azariah Graves CC

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
CASWELL COUNTY. OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

"I, G. M. HARRIS, Clerk of the Superior Court of Caswell County, Stateof North Carolina, which Court is a Court of Record, having an official seal, whibh is hereto affixed, do hereby certify the foregoing and attached 1 sheet to be a true copy of the Will of Joseph Dameron, as the same is taken from and compared with the original now on file in this office.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Superior Court of Caswell County at my office in Yanceyville, North Carolina, this the 5 day of Sept., in the year of our Lord, 1951.

G. M. HARRIS, CLERK SUPERIOR COURT."

(SEAL)

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The following was recorded in Book No. 2, Page 512, North Carolina Land Records:

"THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA: Grant No. 1248.

"TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING: KNOW YE, that we, for and in consideration of the sum of Fifty Shillings for every hundred acres hereby granted, paid into our Treasury by Joseph Dameron, have granted and given, and by these presents do give and grant unto the said Joseph Dameron, a tract of land containihg two hundred acres, lying and being in the County of Greene; Beginning at a postoak, corner to Hoggs; then West with his line one hundred and ten poles to a postoak; then South sixty three poles to a poplar; then West forty poles to a postoak; then South forty-two poles to a postoak; then South eighty West one hundred and ten poles to a postoak; then South one hundred and ten poles to a black oak; then East one hundred and fifty-two poles to a stake; then North one hundred and fifty poles to a postoak; then East one hundred and ten poles to a postoak; then North sixty six poles to the beginning, as by the plat hereunto annexed doth appear. Together with all the woods, etc., hereunto belonging.

"TO HOLD to the said Joseph Dameron, his heirs and assigns forever. Together with all woods,waters, mines, minerals, hereditaments and appurtenances, to the said land belonging or appertaining, yielding and paying to us yearly or otherwise such sums of money as our General Assembly may from time to time direct. Provided, always, that the said Joseph Dameron shall cause this grant to be registered in the Register's office of our said county of Greene within twelve months from this date, otherwise the same shall be void and of no effect.

"IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have caused these our letters to be made patent and our Great Seal to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS: RICHARD DOBBS SPAIGHT, Esquire, our Governor, Captain General and Commander-in-Chief at Newbern, this 29th day of July, in the 18th year of our Independence and the year of our Lord, 1793.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND,
"JAS GLASGOW, Secretary." ALEXANDER MARTIN.

Bartholomew Dameron m. Elizabeth, dau. of Christopher Garlington
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Christopher Dameron m. Sarah Ball
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Joseph Dameron m. Patience Coppedge 1762; moved to Brunswick County, Va., where he was taxed in 1782. He m. second, but all children seem to be by the first wife. Patience was dau. of John Coppedge, son of Wm. and Patience Downing, dau. of Capt. William Downing

Dau. m. Knight | Thomas W. : Thomas J. m. Betsey | Patience m. Eagan | George Ball m. Mary Woosham of Dinwiddie Co., Virginia. George Ball D. lived in Northumberland Co., Va., Caswell Co., N.C., Randolph Co., Mo.

Wm. Moore, 1799-1839, m. Elizabeth Ingram 1800-72 | Patsey B. b. 2-1-08 m. Harrison Dameron | Judith b. 1807 m. Matt Richmann | James B. b. 1809 m. Eliz. Connelly | John I. b.1814 | George B., Jr. m. Sarah Chapul | Mary Whitmore m. Rev. James Dysart | Sarah m. James Dameron

also ch. of above George Ball Dameron:
9. Willis Monroe | 10. Dr. Warren T. | 11. Joseph Coppage m. Salinda Dameron | 12. Eliz. | 13. Logan Douglas, the youngest

John Hayward 1826-1850 m. Julia Melton, 1820-88
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John Hayward, Jr. b. 1850, m. 1873 Estelle Slaughter b. 1855

Robert Smith 1810-90 m. Jane ____ 1822-83
:
J.S. Preston 1843-1916 m. Sarah A. Smith
:
:
Robert S. Walton b. 1870 m. 1892, Cassie Preston b. 1871

E.C. Dameron, 5 Lennox Place, St. Louis, Mo.

Mary Dameron m. Count Reventlan

(Note: Above is taken from records of Maxim Coppage except the descendants of Wm. Moore Dameron, which were taken from DAR records, however, the DAR records showed that George Ball D. 1780-1848 m. Mary Moore, 1781-1870, and his father was given as Joseph 1863-1834, private in Navy 1779, Va. b. Northumberland Co. d. Caswell County, N.C. m. Sarah Ball. Maxim Coppage remarks: Four Damerons married four other Damerons in this Randolph County, Mo. family so no wonder they get confused. He sent also the following notes of Randolph County, Mo:

Frances L. Dameron m. Samuel Burton, Jun. 7, 1834.
Mary Ann Dameron m. Able J. Burton, May 5, 1841.
James Dameron m. Sarah Dameron, 1840.
Sarah Dameron m. Michael Cross, Chariton County, Mo. (next to Randolph), May 22, 1844.

Maxim Coppage also sent a note on Zachary Dameron, 42, 1860, of Person County, N.C., wife Martha. He formerly lived in Caswell County, N.C. children: Susan, 24, Daniel, 21, Elizabeth, 11, Willis, 10, Franklin 8, Mary E. b. 1849, Caswell County, N.C.

He also sent a note that Margaret Sarah Dameron 1799-1839, m. 1831 Laurence Keach 1794-1841, ch. O.A. Keach, Witchita, Kansas. (Mrs. Keach did the Dameron genealogy in Tyler.)

Maxim Coppage sent the following information on the Bartholomew Dameron descendants:

I. Christopher Dameron, who had children Bartholomew, 1745-1847, and also Polly, Katie, Christopher, unmarried, 1808, Nancy m. Mathews, Sallie m. Mathews, and Patsey m. Anderson. Christopher lived in Brunswick Co., Va. d. Caswell,N.C.

II. Bartholomew Dameron 1745-1847 m. Rebecca Malone, 1781-1851.

III. Salinda Dameron, 1801-1846, m. 1820 Joseph Coppage Dameron, 1801-1846.

IV. Jane Phoebe Dameron, 1823-1858 m. 1838 William Turner Rutherford,1813-1903.

V. Hayden L. Rutherford, 1840-1928, m. 1863, Victoria Humphreys, 1845-1927. Children:

1. William T. Rutherford m. Mariam Walden, son Walden Rutherford.
2. Jean Rutherford Taylor Saye, 1, Huntsville, Mo. dau. Marguerite Taylor m. James Limbird, and their child Rutherford Taylor m. Theresa.
3. Laura Belle Rutherford m. Neal H. Payne,dau. Kathaleen Joy Payne m. Thomas W. Reed, 1, Mexico, Mo.

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Bartholomew Dameron of Randolph County, Missouri, married twice (see Marriages in Randolph County), the children by the first wife being:

1. Alex M.
2. George W.
3. Wm. L.
4. Sarah m. H.C. Dobbin.
5. Frances m. 1834, Samuel Burton
6. Phoebe m. Brazdia Wisdom.
7. Parthenia m. George A. Mathis.
8. Willis

The children by the second wife were:

9. James, m. Sarah Dameron?
10. Mary Ann
11. Lewis
12. John
13. Elizabeth (Ingram Dameron m. Wm. Moore Dameron?)
14. Senora

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Further on the Coppedge family, Maxim Coppage sent these notes:

Lazarus Coppedge, inventory, Northumberland Co. 1762.

Charles Coppage, security for Sam Haynie, who was ex. of will of father, Capt. Richard Haynie, Sept. 10, 1754,Heathsville, Va.

Will of Argyle Taylor, ca. 1758, mentions nephew Lazarus Taylor, bequest to Judith Coppedge,dau. of Charles, codicil to Edwin, son of Edwin Fielding, if cou. Mary dies. Witnesses, Charles Coppedge, Wm. Basye, Joseph Webb.

Jno. Coppedge will, 1743, wife Judith.

Patience Coppedge m. Joseph Dameron, 1762.

Others mentioned in will were: godchildren, Wm. Coppedge, Jno. Neal. L. Pritchard, Judith Smith and Winifred Short. Pritchard m. Mary Coppedge, cou. of Charles, and their dau. Mary Pritchard m. Mark Harding, and had a son Thomas Harding who went to Prince William. Mark's bro. Wm. Harding m. Salley Sutton, d. of James and Eliz. Coppage Sutton. Above John Taylor had desc. Lazarus Taylor, whose son was Argyle W. 1758, and another son John w. 1751, Northumberland, sons Wm. Lazarus, Betty m. Worum, Joe and Susanna.

Louise H. Dameron sent the following: "Extract from a letter written to me a number of years ago by E.C. Dameron, 5 Lenox Place, St. Louis, Mo. A friend had written mother to know if she was any relation to Mary Dameron and gave an address which I have lost but her brother,the above, E.C., answered: "The Mary Dameron to whom you wrote was probably my sister who marriedCount Reventlow and died several years ago .. . I can only go back as far as my great-grandfather, Joseph Dameron 'who couldn't speak English' and who was supposed to be one of that numerous band of French emigres that came out and settled in Virginia. My grandfather was George Ball Dameron of Northumberland County, Va. and my grandmother was Mary Woosham Moore of Dinwiddie Co. Va. These people left Va. and after settling in Caswell Co., N.C. they became dissatisfied and made the journey overland to Randolph County, Mo. They were people of substance and their cavalcade consisted of 150 persons, 40 of them being of the immediate family and connections and the remainder slaves and dependents. My father was Logan DouglasDameron, the youngest of thirteen children. That we are of French extraction is doubtless true but I doubt that the Damerons of Virginia were French emigres because there were Damerons amongst the gentry of Suffolk, England, and I have seen copies of English records going back to Elizabethan days in which the name occurs. The family possessed a coat of arms and was of gentle blood in consequence. I had the matter looked up in a casual sort of way but as I have said I have no son to whom these things would prove interesting and did not pursue the inquiry further beyond the few preliminaries I have given. The name 'Ball' occurs very frequently in my family. My grandfather was 'GeorgeBall' and so was my uncle, while an aunt has the name 'Judith Ball'. P.S. This may interest you. In looking through the gallery of the Luxembourg, Paris, one day I noted a fine landscape by 'Dameron'. On inquiring amongst some French friends I found that he was a highly esteemed painter by his fellow-artists and that he hailed from Touraine."

From Louise Dameron:"I do not know why I did not copy the beginning, but this is from Chappell Gen. pub. ;900, p. 265: Mary Chappell was born of this union. She grew to womanhood becoming one of the most beautiful and loveable of her sex and married Logan Douglas Dameron. Captain Dameron was for several years engaged in steam boating on the Missouri River but in 1860 removed to St. Louis and engaged in merchandizing where he became prominent and wealthy. He died 1891. They had but one child living to maturity (mistake, see letter). Edward C. Dameron, b. 1858, married MissTootle of St. Joseph and they are now living in St. Louis. They had two daughters.

"Of the thirteen children I seem to have: Warren T. Dameron, William Moore Dameron b. 1799-1834 m. Eliza Ingraham, Judith Ball Dameron, George Ball Dameron, Logan Douglas Dameron No. 13, Mary Dameron (who mother's friend said was very beautiful) married Count Reventlow."

From Tulsa Daily World, Sunday, Apr. 28, 1935, Tulsa, Oklahoma, article by W.T. Dameron, Nov. 13, 1833: "Rain of Stars in Missouri Brought Fright to Populace." His father, George W. Dameron, native of Caswell Co., N.C. Family emigrated to Randolph Co., Mo. 1831. He was 18 years old in 1833,the time of the elemental event which lasted from midnight until daylight. "This was Sunday night, as I remember, being up nearly all night before at a social party at Gerrard McKinney's on Silver Creek south of Mt. Airy. My youngest brother, William L. Dameron, was about 12 years old at the time and seemed to be the least frightened and consented to go to a neighbor about one and a half miles away where

sister Frances had gone on a visit the day before and I was sent after sister Sallie and her husband Hugh Dobbins who lived only two or three hundred yards from us--nearest neighbor, Isaiah Humphreys and wife--George B. Dameron, a cousin, son of Ball Dameron. In 1839 at a revival at SilverCreek Church, my father,George W. Dameron, was happily converted, joined the Methodist Church, and lived a useful Christian life. He was Sheriff and Collector of Randolph Co. Mo. for two terms, 1852-1856, and held other positions of trust, a life-long Democrat, who died at Huntsville, Mo. 1898 at the age of 83 years." (Note by L.H.D."This seems rather disconnected to me. A genealogist friend, Helen Lindsey,sent it to me. I do not know where she found it.)"

Louise Dameron also sent notes on the American Ancestry item on James Palatine Dameron b. Caswell Co. N.C., son of William Moore Dameron, b. Dec. 1, 1799, d. Caswell Co. Mo. at Mt. Airy, 1834. George Ball Dameron b. Brunswick Co. Va. 1771, d. Randolph Co. 1848, m. Feb. 5, 1799, Mary Woosham Moore, whose mother was a Ball, Dinwiddie Co. Va. and had thirteen children, including Geo. Ball Dameron, Judith Ball Dameron, Edward Caswell Dameron, Mary m. Count Reventlow, Logan Douglas Dameron. Joseph Dameron b. Hanover, Va. served in Rev. Army at Guilford Court House, son of Huguenot who came from France 1700, and settled at Monaskon above Richmond, Va.

She also sent a page of notes from the DAR records: "Mary Dupuy (dau. of Bartholomew Dupuy b. 1650 md. Susanna Lavillon) married Joseph Dameron, who was a soldier in the Am. Rev.

"Elizabeth Ingraham 1800-70,married her 4th cousin William Moore Dameron, 1799-1834, who was the son of George Ball Dameron 1775-1848, Col. in Black Hawk Indian War.

"Laurence Keech, 1794-1841, m. 1831, Margaret Sarah Dameron 1799-1839, daughter of Thomas^{4}, George^{5}, Thomas^{6}, George^{7}, Lawrence^{8}."

Louise Dameron also copied the following DAR records: DESCENDANTS OF CHRISTOPHER DAMERON, DAR Lineage Book 121, p. 199: Mrs. Pensa Cola Dameron Million, No. 120638 b. Randolph Co., Mo. wife of Guy Collins Million. I. John Thomas Dameron 1845-94 m. 1866 Josephine Lee, b. 1847; II. William Lewis Dameron 1820-1906, m. 1841, Priscilla Cavens 1823-1866; III. Bartholomew Dameron 1775-1847, married 1798 Rebecca Malone, 1781-1851; IV. Christopher Dameron m. Sarah _____. Christopher Dameron furnished supplies for the army. He was born Northumberland Co. Va. died Caswell Co. N.C."

DAR Book 159, p. 188: Mrs. Ursel Gray Vasse No. 158638, wife of Charles Danner Vasse b. Randolph Co. Mo. I. Willis m. Gray b. 1858,married 1880,Sallie Furnish b. 1861; II. William Gray 1836-1862 married 1853 Bettie Dameron 1838-1906; III. John Tyler Dameron d. 1851, married Nancy May Love 1813-1877; IV. Bartholomew Dameron 1775-1847, married 1798, Rebecca Malone 1781-1851. V. Christopher Dameron married Sarah _____. Christopher Dameron furnished supplies for the army 1782, Brunswick County, Va. b. in Va. d. Caswell Co., N.C.

DAR Book 132, p. 177, Mrs. Florence Dameron Craven, No. 131557, b. Lawrence Co., Mo. wife of Clyde H. Craven, desc. of Joseph Dameron. I.John Haywood Dameron b. 1850, m. 1873, Estelle Slaughter b. 1855; II. John Haywood Dameron 1826-1850, m. 1847 Julia Mellon, 1830-1888. III. William Moore Dameron 1799-1839, married 1817 Eliza Ingraham 1800-1872; IV George Ball Dameron 1780-1848, m. 1799 Mary Moore, 1781-1870. V. Joseph Dameron 1763-1833 m. Sarah Ball. Joseph Dameron served as a privatein the Virginia Navy 1799-80 from Northumberland County, where he was born. Died Caswell Co. N.C.

NOTES BY LOUISE H. DAMERON OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA:

History of Randolph County, Missouri, p. 137, 'Old Settlers Cairo.' W. S. Dameron came to the township 1841 from Huntsville, Mo. and has lived in Randolph Co. 52 years. He was b. in N.C. Oct. 29, 1824. This town of 250 population was located on the north division of the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railroad, 8 miles from Huntsville and 7 miles from Moberly and 152 miles northwest of St. Louis. The town site originally comprised 40 acres owned by W.S. Dameron, who donated 5 acres for depot purposes. The name was changed from Fairview to Cairo at the suggestion of Thos. Dameron. Thos. Dameron erected the first dwelling house and was the first post master. The Cairo Wool Growers and Sheep Breeders were organized in 1876 by J.D. Dameron, Vice-president.

Chariton Township, John Dameron, James Dameron, N.C. before 1848. Jackson Township, Stokley W. Towles from Ky. Silver Creek Township Geo. W. Dameron (once Sheriff.)

Huntsville, Mo. Joseph C. Dameron's mercantile business was started in the spring of 1835, and in 1842 he brought the first piano to the county. Conway and Lamb were among the earliest merchants. W. M. Dameron one of the committee was a subscriber to the Yellow Fever sufferers, Aug. 31, 1878: Dr. Dameron $5, G. P. Dameron ____, J.C. Dameron, Dr. W.T. Dameron.

____ Dameron, Constable (W.G. Dameron, his father.)

California Emigrants 1849-50: James B. Dameron, E.B. Coke, John Dameron, Willis Dameron. County Court judges: James B. Dameron. Sheriffs: Benjamin Dameron, G.W. Dameron. Treasurers: Joseph C. Dameron.

Warren T. Dameron: Dr. Dameron commenced practice in Randolph Co. 1849, and has been continuously in practice at Huntsville since 1851, 33 years. He was born in N.C. Aug. 15, 1822, was one of a family of 13 children. His parents were George B. and Mary W. Moore Dameron who moved 1834 to Missouri; he d. Dec. 18, 1848. Warren Dameron has three children: George M., Lulie W., Clifford Lee.

George W. Dameron, Mt. Airy, Silver Creek territory, from N.C. b. Caswell County, of the old North state Feb. 10, 1815. He was one of a family of 11 children of Bartholomew and Rebecca (Malone) Dameron. Of these, Alexander, John, Elizabeth and Sarah, the daughters with their husbands, came to Randolph Co. 1830 and the parents with the rest of the family came 2 years later. Alex. M. died 1854. Salinda d. at Huntsville, 1846, whilst the wife of J.C. Dameron; Eliz. d. 1847; whilst the wife of Thos. Malone; Sarah is the widow of Hugh C. Dobbins and is now 75. John died in '51 in California. Phoebe died whilst the wife of Barzella Wisdom in 1854. George W. is the subject of this sketch. Francis d. 1859 whilst the wife of Judge Samuel Burton. Parthena d. 1883, whilst the wife of Geo. A. Mathis. Wm. L. resides in the county. Mary Ann is the wife of James M. Butts. The father died Feb. 25, 1847, the mother Oct. 11, 1851, each aged 70. The father settled on the place in 1832 that Geo. still lives on. Geo. M. m. June 25, 1840, Susan J. Leblau. She died Nov. 15, 1845, leaving him one son, James B. who is now a resident of Chariton Co. Married 2d May 24, 1847, Mrs. Eliza J. Mayo (dau. of Allen Mayo), was b. Dec. 27, 1827. By his two marriages he has 12 children, all living but Sebatin C. and Alba E., Cass A. of Helena, Ark., Wm. T., Mattie H. (Mrs Lewis Malone), Sudie A. (Mrs. Henry Johnson), Geo. P., Thenie M., Chas. H., Lutie R., John H.

John T. Dameron: b. Oct. 20, 1845, son of W. L. and Priscilla (Cravens) Dameron, m. Josephine Lee, June 10, 1856, and in 1880 bought his father-in-law's farm of 230 acres where he lives.

John D. Dameron: Born Caswell Co., N.C. Dec. 28, 1822, his parents were Benjamin and Matilda Mathis, being natives of that state. The family moved in 1827 to Tennessee, then in 1829 to Randolph Co.; d. Mar. 23, 1843. July 22, 1847, m. Sarah J., dau. of Robert and Eliz. Boucher, originally from Kentucky, and have seven children: Mary E., wife of N.C. Cunningham, Isaac T., Elizabeth M., wife of D. G. Day; Josie, wife of G.W. Reynolds; Rebecca F., wife of T. L. Day; J.C., Wm. B. Four are deceased as follows: Benj. F. d. 6 mo. old, Zachariah S. 4 mo. Valentine 14 mo., Ida Dora 19 years.

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From the accumulated data we may try to work out the genealogy of this Dameron line, as I have a little space here to be used up:

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON and wife, Dorothy, of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland Co., Va., land granted 1652, children: Bartholomew, George, Thomas, Samuel, Lawrence and Dorothy who m. Josias Gaskins and 2d Samuel Mahan.

II. BARTHOLOMEW, 1645-1708, of Wicomico, m. in 1666 Elizabeth, dau. of Christopher Garlington. Children: Eliza, Mary, Sarah, John, Lawrence, Josiah, Bartholomew Will 1735; Christopher, Will 1764, m. Sarah Ball, cousin of George Washington's mother, who moved to Brunswick County, Va., with her sons.

III. CHRISTOPHER and Sarah Ball Dameron, children: Bartholomew m. Anne Moorehead; was in Brunswick Co., Va. by 1768; Mary and Grace, youngest daughters; Sarah m. Josias Gaskins and 2d. Lattimore; Elizabeth m. John Coppedge, Jr. and 2d Isaac Coppedge; Samuel, youngest son, bought land in Brunswick, 1784; Christopher, not mentioned in father's will as he died the year before it was written, 1762, mentions in his will one child, Joseph. Apparently this Joseph went to Caswell County, N.C. with his cousins and married there Mary Burton, 1790. He could not be the father of Joseph b. 1763 as he would be too young, and as Christopher died, he could not be father of Joseph b. 1763 either--for Joseph's father was alive in Brunswick at the time of the Revolution, he said in pension declaration. Another son of Christopher and Sarah Ball was John Will 1782, of Lancaster, who had sons Samuel and John and daus. Hannah m. Webb and Jemima m. Webb. Finally there is Joseph:

IV. JOSEPH m. Patience Coppedge. He was taxed in Brunswick County, Va. 1782. We have no proof of his children, but George Ball and Joseph appear to be brothers and this must be Joseph, Jr. George Ball Dameron was too young to be the son of Joseph, hence must be his brother instead. Joseph Sr. had a son Joseph Jr. as he was styled "Sr." in his will, 1818, Caswell County, N.C., which mentions "my last wife & to her last six children." Now the wife of one of these Josephs must have been Mary, d. of Edward C. Clay, and great-granddaughter of Bartholomew Dupuy, the famous Huguenot leader who went to Monaskon, Va. in 1700.

V. JOSEPH, JR. son of above Joseph, and brother of George Ball Dameron. He was b. Feb. 2, 1763, Northumberland Co., Va., his pension says, and died 1834 in Caswell County, N.C. He was a Revolutionary soldier at Guilford Court House etc. His father lived in Brunswick County at that time, but had a plantation in Amelia County in 1776 or thereabout.

2. THE DAMERONS OF WESTMORELAND, YORK AND NORFOLK COUNTIES, VA., AND PASQUOTANK AND CHOWAN COUNTIES, NORTH CAROLINA.

It was Onesipherous Dameron who went to Norfolk County, Virginia, after the Revolution. The 1790 Census for Edenton District, Pasquotank County, N.C. shows Onesephrous Dameron "living in Virginia," and Thomas on the same page. Norfolk County, Va. Will Book 2, p. 104, has Onesephrous Dameron's will, 1799, in Norfolk City, Martha Dameron, administrator of estate, 107. I looked up Norfolk History, Wills 1651-54and found nothing. There are a set of books on Norfolk I did not check.

Mariam Damron Cropper found in Norfolk County, Va: V. 5, p. 49--Aug. 1779, Miss Fanny Dameron m. Joseph Vesey; p. 34, present at the camp onGywns Island 26 May 1776, My Lord's Company--Jesse Dameron. P. 28, John Ladd was in Norfolk, 1666. V. 4, p. 63, 4 July, 1770, Lemuel Coverly m. Mrs. Winea Dameron. V. 3, p. 10, 29 Aug. 1779 Richard Fryer m. MissAnn Dameron, Norfolk. V. 1, p. 48, John Ladd was granted 700 acres or more in Norfolk 1673. I have copied some Norfolk records in the section on Onesipherous Dameron.

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I am wondering how about some Damerons becoming Quakers and going to Chowan, N.C., which was a Quaker place of settlement, as also was Norfolk and Elizabeth City. There was a James Damerell in Chowan, N.C. whose will was dated June 22, 1692, proved Oct. 3, 1704, mentioning wife Lucy, daughter Rachell. This may be the end of this line, however. This is in Grimes' Abstracts of N.C. Wills, p. 90-4; 208 (2). He might have been the son of Lawrence, Jr. of Westmoreland.

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Olds Wills of North Carolina also lists on p. 289, William Dameron, wife Doshea, and William, Moses and Noble, date 1796. County not noted. I found this in the Archives in Raleigh, N.C. while there. Olds covers the period 1760-1800, and p. 136 also has John Dameron, w. Sarah, mentioning Christopher, John, Joseph, Sarah, Judith, Tignor.

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There were no Damerons in the Bertie County, N.C.index in the Raleigh Archives; the librarian looked for them and said nothing was listed. It is in Bertie that Mrs. Pearce found the Thompsons, who may be the family of Cynthia, second wife of John Damron.

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YORK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, Marriage Register, showed Sophia Damison m. Wm. Fox, 1837; Fanna Damrel m. Josel Jase with permission of father, Wm. Damrel. Wit. Robert Tompkins, 1 Jan. 1827. This was sent by Mrs. Cropper who has searched all the marriage registers of Virginia that she should get hold of, and also says: "I have gone through endless records of marriages in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky--almost all of the older counties in each state, but so far have not found the marriege of John Damron to either of his wives, Anna Ladd or Cynthia."

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Julia Dameron Old sent a note from the Norfolk County, Va. Record Book 9, p. 597, 8 Aug. 1766, Maurice Dameron and Mary,his wife, of North Carolina to Wm. Hillary, Sittle Creek.

CHOWAN COUNTY, N.C. Mrs. Pearce wrote: "I have searched all wills of Chowan County, N.C. up to 1760 and no Damerons. Maybe this was one of the Damerons who lived back and forth across the state lines."

WESTMORELAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

In Part One, pages 12-b-c-d, I have discussed some of the Westmorelanddata in relation to finding the descendants of Lawrence Dameron, Jr. Miss Lucy Brown Beale, Hague, Virginia, searched the Westmoreland records and found nothing on Dameron until the time of Luke Dameron, 1789. However, there was a Samuel Damourvell or Damavarell, Will 12 Apr.1723, who left land in Stafford to his son Samuel.

I found an interesting book, Historical Atlas of Westmoreland County, Virginia, by D.W. Eaton, though it had no items on Dameronin it, and I found nothing on Broughton either. Richard Nelmes had a patent 1662, renewed 1663, p. 72, on the Yeocomico River at Kinsale. Oldham was here also. Richard Henry Lee lived here, and Nathaniel Pope, father-in-law of John Washington. The Gerrards were also of Westmoreland. John Washington in 1675 left to his son Laurence 5,000 acres in Stafford County on HuntingCreek, his brother being Thomas Pope. I also found Thomas Foster in Wills of Westmoreland County, Va. by Fothergill, will 24 Jan. 1671, willing to "Cozen Wm. Hardichs." On p. 30, was the will of Simon Luttrell, dated 1 Aug. 1723, pr. 8 Oct. 1723, leaving to sons Simon and John, dau. Margaret, wife Elizabeth, executor. The Land Grants had no Dameron, but Nicholas Martiau received 2,000 acres 1654, and 2,000 1655 etc. Col. Geo. Read in 1657 received 2,000 acres. The first item was in 1653, and Col. John Mattrom in 1654 received 3,609 acres. He was the first burgess. I noted a Richard Dudley but no Henderson. The Militia Order Books p. 85, showed Capt. Wm. Nelson, John Rice, Capt. Daniel Morgan, Jeremiah Garland, Fleet Cox, Capt. Jacob Martin. (Crozier.) Ewells were also here.

From 1671 to 91 all deeds and wills of Westmoreland were lost. Lucy Brown Beale wrote the chapter on local history, which mentions that in 1726 Thomas Moverley was buried with a stake through his heart in the swamp at the crossroads. Not until 1700 did wheeled vehicles come into use, but there were ferries over the Potomac river.

Daniel McCarty was a burgess in 1742 and Broadhurst was an early burgess. Other local names were Cox, Rust, Steptoe, Harrison, Weekes. There is an item on Bacon's Rebellion in which Simon Miller was captain on the Bacon side, also Jos. Hardwick, Richard Donahan, Richard Barton, Stephen Manning--jailed in 1677. Montross is where the courthouse is located.

The Geography notes that there were still 10 Appamattox Indians left in Westmoreland in 1670.

As noted previously the will of William says his son Luke Dameron had "gone to Westmoreland," dated 1821. In Marriage Bonds of Westmoreland I found:

Fleet Dameron and Polly Garner, Jan. 22, 1821.
Willis Dameron and Jemima Rice, Nov. 6, 1817.
Wm. M. Dameron and Jemima Spence, Dec. 20, 1827.

THE JAMES WILLIAM DAMERON FAMILY OF NORFOLK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Mary Moore, R. # 3, Box 44, Portsmouth, Virginia, sent me the following on the descendants of James William Dameron, of the Norfolk County Damerons. Julia Dameron Old asked her to write to me and said that Mrs. Ferrell Moore of this family "has a beautiful old house built about 1700;" also that Mary Moore "told me that her grandmother Mary Jane Dameron at one time owned all the waterfront between the Portsmouth Ferry and what is now the Smith-Douglas Fertilizer plant at Money Pt., several miles along. the Elizabeth River." She said "The Adam Keeling house built about 1680 was open for Garden Week." Miss Moore wrote on May 6,1953: "My grandmother was Mary Jane Dameron of Norfolk, Va. She married Sylvester Baker Moore of Noffolk County, Va. Two of their daughters are living, Mrs. W.E. Snellings, 906 Jamestown Cres., Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. J.A. Miller, 43 Dinwiddie Street, Portsmouth, Va. About fifteen or twenty years ago my cousin, Miss Sarah Moore, 1909 Park Road, N.W., Washington, D.C., and I tried to put together what we knew but neither of us had the time to complete it (if we could have!). I don't believe she has any information different from mine but you may write her. Some years ago, about 1928, I knew a young girl named Mattie Dameron from Warrenton, North Carolina. I have not kept in touch with her. Mrs. Old has written to a Julia Dameron in Warrenton. I teach in Norfolk and live there most of the time but since I am seldom there in the summer I am giving you an address by which I may always be reached. Mrs. Old thinks I should mention that my brother, Sylvester Baker Moore, 1st Lt. Air Corps, was killed in France in 1918."

Miss Mary Moore sent the following copied from the Bible of James William Dameron, purchased 1804:

"James William Dameron, Sen. married to Mary Warren, Sept. 19,1790; married second time to Jane Keeling Dec. 24, 1795. James Wm. Dameron Sen. born Sept. 12, 1765. Jane Keeling was born March, 1779.

"James W. Dameron, married to Mary B. Dancker Feb. 22, 1825.

"Children of James William Dameron Sen. by my 1st wife, Mary: Nancy Dameron born Aug. 14, 1791. William Dameron born Feb. 15, 1793. By my 2nd wife, Jane: Sophia Dameron born May 13, 1797; James Wm. Jr. born Jan. 4, 1799; Sam'l Keeling born Nov. 28, 1800; Faney Cathrine, born Oct. 24, 1802; Mary Ann Pigot, born Aug. 26, 1807; John Dameron, born Mar. 5, 1809.

"Deaths:

"Nancy Dameron, died Aug. 28, 1791, 2 wks. old.
Wm. Dameron died Mar. 16, 1793, 1 mo. 1 da. old.
My wife Mary Dameron departed this life April 23, 1795.
Sophia Dameron died Aug. 1798, aged 15 mo.
Sophia Dameron (mother of James Wm. Dameron) died Oct. 22, 1799, aged 60.
Samuel K. Dameron, June 15, 1866.
James Wm. Dameron, Sen. died 14 Oct. 1811.
William Frances Smith died March 1821.
James W. Dameron, Jr. died May, 1833, aged 33 yrs.
Ralph Keeling, Feb. 8, 1838, aged 60.
Caleb Bray, June 21, 1838, aged 34.
Mary An Dameron died Oct. 14, 1814.
Jane Dameron, April 30, 1829, aged 50. Samuel K. Dameron, Jun. 15, 1866.

"John Dameron (from p. 1) married Ellen (Helena) Sykes. Their only child was Mary Jane Dameron. Mary Jane Dameron married Sylvester Baker Moore. Children:

1. John Dameron Moore, b. 1856, d. 1912, m. Martha Susan Deal, 1888.
2. William James Moore, 1859-1917, m. Mary Elizabeth Ferrell, 1882-1932.
3. Helen Virginia (Nell) Moore, ___1918, m. William Schmoele, 1891.
4. Alice Elizabeth Moore m. Samuel S. Armstrong. She d. 1918.
5. Mary Agnes (Mame), ___1895, m. Samuel W. Niemeyer, 1893.
6. Sylvester Baker Moore d. 1897.
7. Frances Matilda Moore, 1872-1951 m. J. Matthew Nelms, no children.
8. Indie (Indiana) Kemper Moore 1874, m. John Sanders Miller, 1903.
9. Jane Keeling Moore 1877 m. William E. Snellings, 1916.

"1. John Dameron Moore married Martha Susan Deal. Children:

" Susan Dameron Moore, 1889.
John Dameron Moore, Jr. 1891-1950.
Sylvester Baker Moore, 1893-1918.
Elizabeth Bressie Moore 1895-1896.
Samuel Dameron Moore 1897-1899.
Mary Moore, 1900 ____
Helen Dameron Moore, 1904 ____

"Susan D. Moore m. George W. Wannamaker, St. Matthews, S.C. Children:

"Helen Virginia Wannamaker, m. Frank Bloodworth Rogers, Rome, Ga.
Suzanne Elizabeth Wannamaker
George W. Wannamaker, Jr. m. Mary Ruth Nixon.

"Helen Virginia Wannamaker m. Frank Bloodworth Rogers. Children:

"Virginia Dameron Rogers.
Ora Elizabeth Rogers, twin.
Mary Sue Rogers, twin.

"Suzanne E. Wannamaker, married Wallace D. Parham, Atlanta, Ga. Children:

Carol Patricia Parham.
Douglas Allen Parham.

"Children of Mary Jane Dameron and Sylvester Baker Moore, continued:

"2. William James Moore, 1859-1917 m. Mary Elizabeth Ferrell. Children:

Mary Elizabeth (Bet) Moore, 1883-1900.
Sylvester Baker Moore, 1885-194__.
Frank Mullen Moore, 1887-1912. No children.
Charles Terrell Moore, 1890 m. Lina Pratt. Children: Elizabeth Moore m. William Hughes, and Charles Ferrell Moore.
Sarah (Sadie) Dameron Moore, 1895.
William Arden Moore, 1899.

"3. Helen Virginia (Nell) Moore, m. William Schmoele 1891; son John Moore Schmoele.

"4. Alice Elizabeth Moore __ 1916, m. Samuel S. Armstrong. Children: Alice Moore Armstrong, 1895; Mary Katharine Armstrong, 1897, m. Walter E. Stanton.

"5. Mary Agnes Moore m. Sam. W. Niemeyer. Children: Mary Agnes Niemeyer, 1894, m. CharlesA. Etheridge (1 son, Chas. A. Etheridge, Jr.); Nell Moore Niemeyer, 1895-1915.

"6. Sylvester Baker Moore died as an infant.

"7. Fannie Matilda Moore, no children.

"8. Indie Kemper Moore m. John Sanders Miller. Children:

Daniel Phipps Miller, 1906, m. Aleise Tucker, no children.
John Sanders Miller, Jr. 1907, m. Herma Williams; four children: Indie Kemper Miller; John (Jack) Sanders Miller; Teresa Miller; Courtney Abbott Miller.
Kemper Miller, 1908, m. Elizabeth Winborne, one child: Kemper Miller.
Jane Dameron Miller, 1910, m. Allen S. White, no children.

"9. Jane Keeling Moore m. Wm. E. Snellings,1916, no children."

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Mary Moore also sent the following notes:

"In Cedar Grove Cemetery, Norfolk (recorded in Elmwood Cemetery under Dameron) there are graves of:

"James W. Dameron, May 19, 1833, aged 34.
Frances Dameron Harden, wife of Crocker Harden, U.S.N. died April 30, 1887, aged 85. (1st cross alley and 4th alley west). She was called Aunt Fanny by my father and aunts. They say she had no children.
Robert Keeling (died 1832), infant son.

"In St. Paul's Cemetery:

"D. H. Dameron, died July 31, 1800, aged 9 mo. 12 da.
M. Dameron, 1799.
O.S. Dameron, 1799, aged 18 (?)

"In Freemason St. Church records in Bankers Trust Bldg., 1854 March 19, Mary Jane Dameron married Mr. Moore.

"In Norfolk Directory, 1801: James Dameron, shoemaker, 13 Water St.

"In Norfolk Directory, 1851-2: John Dameron, hat manufacturer, 43 E. Main, res. 55 E. Bute St.

"Book of Old Marriage Bonds, by Mrs. Barrett, Norfolk County: James Dameron and Jane Keeling, Dec. 22, 1795.

"Marriage Bonds, Norfolk, ____ Tucker: Frances Dameron & Crocker Harden,1823; Frances ward of Jos. Dameron. Mrs. Mary B. Dameron & David Dey, 1838. Mary Ann Dancker & James Dameron 1825. William H. Dameron & Sarah Shipp, 1845.

"Mary Jane Dameron, my father's mother, was the daughter of John Dameron and Ellen Sykes. She was born Mar. 1, 1838, in Nkrfolk, died Sept. 18, 1905, at Deep Creek, Va., m. Sylvester Baker Moore, 1852 or 4.

"Samuel Dameron (brother of John) went west and was lost sight of. But then we have his death date. Some years ago there was a Mrs. Keach of Wichita, Kansas, interested.)

"James Dameron, also brother, settled in east.

"The aunts say that years ago there was a group who sent to England to try to claim some property that the family owned. My grandmother considered herself one of the heirs. The fortune reverted to the cown, however. Then when the aunts were young (they are seventy some now), there was another movement on foot to try again for the money but my father (John Dameron Moore) did not join the movement. Nothing ever came of it anyhow.

"The first known of the Dameron family is 1440, home called 'Henley Hall', Suffolk. They sold that and apparently bought 'Westerfield' around 1500. In America the family winds in and out of the Waddy, Taylor and Ball families and they had a firm hold in Northumberland County. All of this is in Tyler's Quarterly."

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Julia Dameron Old also sent me the following notes: From Norfolk City Willa, 5,277, 14-62. Will of James Dawley: To my daughter Alice H. Dameron, 1/2 lot Freemason Street. I devise other half to my son Stephen Dawley. To my grandsons Isophorous Dameron, Robert B. Dameron, James D. Dameron and John F. Dameron etc. 1831. Audit of James Dawley, dec. in acct. with Oney S. Dameron and Dennis Moseley."

3. NOTES ON BUCKINGHAM, MONTGOMERY AND HALIFAX COUNTIES, VA., AND LINCOLN, STOKES AND SURRY COUNTIES, N.C.

In the Virginia State Library I looked over the Montgomery Land Book and Personal Property Lists, 1782, and found, near the Davies, Denny, Duncan families:

"Moses Damrel 16-200-15-3."

In the Buckingham County, Va., Personal Property Tax List, the earliest available in the land records, 1782, I found the following Damerons, but the list was not alphabetical so I did not check it intensively. It gives complete family information. Page 7, 1784, has:

"George Dameron, 2 slaves, 1 male over 21, 1 tithe, 2 horses, 2 cattle.
Michael Dameron, no slaves, 1 free male, no tithes, 3 horses, 11 cattle."

They were listed next to each other, and in the 1798-1803 Tax list I found Page Dameron. He was related to the Carters and the family whose genealogy was given in the Carter Bible earlier in this mss. under Albemarle information.

Now Lazarus Damron-Dameron-Damarell had sons named Moses, George, and John and Richard who died in Albemarle. That Moses undoubtedly went to Rowan and Surry Counties, N.C. in 1753, when he bought land in Rowan. He could have had a son Moses who stayed in Virginia. The daughters of Lazarus were Judith, Hannah and Winefred Thomas, grandson Charles Thomas, at the time of his will, 1749.

In the 1790 Census for Stokes County, N.C., I found in the Salisbury District, the following Ladds, the brothers and sons of Judith who married Noble Ladd, and whose daughter was Anna who married John Damron b. 1757:

Noble Ladd, p. 179, one male over 16, four males under 16, free, three females and one slave.
Joseph Ladd 1-1-4 and 2 slaves, or one free male over 16 and one under, four free white females
Judath Ladd (widow and head of family obviously), three females, 2 slaves.
William Ladd, 2 males over 16, four free males under 16, 5 free white females, no slaves.
James Moore is next to him on the list with one male, none under 16, 1 female.
Constant Ladd is next with 1 free white male over 16, 1 under 16, 2 free white females, no slaves.
William Gill 2-2-2, no slaves and Thomas Gill 1 male, none under 16, four females, no slaves, are listed in this district. Thomas Ladd is listed in Halifax District,p. 72, Northampton County, but I could not find it except in the index. Could find no other Ladds nor Damerons in North Carolina in the 1790 Census.

In the Montgomery, Va. Marriage Register, Mrs. Cropper found David Thompson, m. Nancy Coady 17 Aug. 1785, Wm. Coadie, father; also Cynthia Thompson m. Allen Crandell 11 Oct. 1824.

Ruth Dorius found in "New Kent," 1938, a reference to Mrs. A.V.D. Pierpont, Violet Bank, Petersburg, Va. who has "Records of Buckingham County, 1790-1800, which has records of election returns, pension papers, churches, tithes etc. $4.

I found in the Buckingham Surveyor's Platt Book,1762 first year, p 42 has Michael Dameron having surveyed"312 acres on the S.Fork of Holman's Creek, line of Wm. C. Ballow, 13 Dec. 1782." There were also here Colemans, Cloptons, and John Radford (pp. 57, 76, 87.)

Montgomery County, 1787-1793, Tax List has no Damerons, Ladds nor Moodys, 1787, but has Richard Elkins 1787. The Land Books start 1782--did not check then.

Montgomery County Marriages has no Dameron, but has Elizabeth Elkins 1784 m. Barnett Farmer, p. 43; and in 1792 Kath. m. Jacob Bishop.

Montgomery County Wills 1797-1809 had nothing.

A Brief of Wills and Marriages in Montgomery and Fincastle Counties, Va., 1733-1831, by A. L. Worrell had no Damerons nor Ladds, but had a John Moody who m. Nancy Wallerman Jan. 8, 1800, and a John Moody m. Elizabeth Guthrie, Dec. 24, 1805, Levy Squires, surety; Joshua Davis m. Sally Moody July 14, 1801, and Edmund Moody was surety.

I looked up "Today and Yesterday in the Heart of Virginia," reprint of the Farmville Herald article, March 29, 1935, referring to the history of Cumberland, Buckingham and Prince Edward Counties. It gave a history of the various churches but I found nothing on Damerons, Ladds or others of interest, though the index looked to be very poor. Page 321 said the Presbyterian interest began 1743 in Goochland (now Cumberland Co.), and Rev. Samuel Davies came in 1748 from Hanover County to Cumberland. Rev. John Wright was minister in 1758. The oldest minutes of Cumberland Church are 1797. (The Moodys married Wrights and Davises and were Cumberland Presbyterians before going to N.C.)

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HALIFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

Mariam Damron Cropper found in the General Index to Deeds (F. Va. H 4a, pt. 1):

George Dameron and wife, grantors, Finn Williams, grantee, B.S. Bk. 17, p. 172, June 26, 1777, on the Dan River.

Geo. Dameron and wife, grantors, James Ricketts, grantee, B.S. Bk. 21, p. 9, 23 Dec. 1805.

John Dameron, grantor, Kendreck Thomas, grantee, B. . Bk. 10, p. 89, Aug. 1776, 160 acres on Byrd's Ck.

Sarah and H. Dameron, grantors, Finn Williams, grantee, B.S. Bk. 17, p. 172, June 1797, 66 3/4 acres on Dan River.

Sarah and H. Dameron, grantors, James Ricketts,grantee, B.S. Bk. 21, p. 9, Dec. 1805, 113 acres on Burtram's Camp Branch.

LINCOLN COUNTY, N.C. I found pension of George Dameron of Halifax, Va. who went to Lincoln Co., N.C. in 1798, dated Fayetteville, N.C. The 1820 Lincoln County Census showed G. Dameron and J. Dameron. These could be connected with John Damron, our ancestor, and need further search there. See section on Revolution.

LINCOLN COUNTY, N.C. Mariam Cropper checked the Deeds and found no Damerons, Ladds nor Moodys in the index, but Rudisells were there--Henry, Philip Wirey, Michael. Remember Sarah Shultz' father's name was John Rudisell Shultz, and in 1850 Henderson County, Texas, he said he was born in N.C. (F.NC L 2a.)

In F NC L 2b, pt. 2, p. 193, she found: Indenture dated 7 Nov. 1798 between Henry Davis of Lincoln County and George Dameron, formerly of Virginia, who buys 100 acres for 100 pounds on the waters of Catawba River, joining lands of Abraham Scott and Robt. Alexander. Witnesses: John Price, Thos. Vaughn, John Dameron. Owens are here too.

In NC T1, Marriages Lincoln and Tryon Co., N.C. she found:

David Dameron (Damron) md. Sarah Huson; Ed. Huson; 9 May 1800.
Dixon Dameron m. Liusia Weathers; Alex. Strain, 1840.
Edward B. Damron and Elizabeth Henry; Ed. Boyd. 1819.
John Dameron and Margret Ryan 1837, m. by I. Holland.

In NC T1, she found: Joseph Damron m. Mary Brimer, 1831.
Thomas Dameron m. Susannah Huson, 1810.
William Dameron m. Margret Tucker; Joseph Dameron md. by Isaac Holland, 1828.
Wm. Gregory and Annie Dameron 1829 by Holland.
David N. Glenn and Cinthy Dameron, 1839.
John Huson and Nancy Damron, David Damron, 1803.
Uriah Pollard and Sarah W. Dameron, Joseph X Dameron, 1822
Wm. Pollard and Nancy Dameron, Uriah Pollard1828, by B. J. Thompson. (This George who bought landin Lincoln Co., N.C. 1798, could be a brother of our John. Lots of Rudisells here, no Shultz but lots of Shull.)

HALIFAX COUNTY, N.C. Mariam Cropper found in Index to Grantors, F Hic. pt. 1:

Dameron, Tignor, to Wm. Perkins, Book 17, p. 162.
Dameron, Tignor, to Isham Davis, Book 17, p. 209.
Dameron, Tignor, to Thos. Harvey, Book 17, p. 425.
Damaroon to Bridger, Book 11, p. 231.
(There are Epps and Freemans here, quite a few.)
Dameron, Allen, to Beray and C. Book 27, p. 174.
Dameron, Allen, to Harvey, Book 29, p. 437.
Dameron, Allen, to Thrower (?) B. 30, p. 332.
(No Ladds here.)

Grantees, pt. 3:

P. 387, John Dameron from Wm. Daniel and wife, Book 7, p. 335.
John Dameron from D.R. Goodloe, USM Bk. 73A, p. 17.
S.C. Damron from Goodloe, Bk. 73 A, p. 17. (This is hard to read; could be Daimon.)

She also copied down many items for Pearce and Pierce, and found many Morris names and Pearsons, also Joe Moody 127, p. 183, and Jenine Moody, same reference.

HALIFAX COUNTY, N.C. Notes from Mariam Cropper:

231, 16 Jan. 1765, Michael Damron or Darmoon (very hard to read) of Edgecomb Co. sells to Braswell Bridges of Halifax Co. 126 acres on Deep Creek.

209, 23 May 1789. Tignor Dameron of Halifax Co. sells to Isham Davis, consideration 23 pounds, 39 acres on Smith Branch. Witnesses, Ed Jordon and Benny West.

425, 9 Nov. 1790. Tignor Dameron sells to Thomas Harvey (both of Halifax Co.) consideration 69 pounds current money. This was the land he had sold to Perkins--evidently Perkins didn't pay off. Witnesses: Wm. French, J. Daggett, John Sulivant.

Index to Deeds, Essex Co. 1722-1867. Not a Damron in it. F. Va. E. 4, pt. 2.

Edgecomb Co. 1714, inventories, sales etc. nothing here on ours. F NC 1b pt.1.

BURK COUNTY, N.C. John Moody bought goods at the sale of estate of John Berry 1820. "A bucket of sundries," 2 old hoes, 1 shovel plow. Michael Moody bought stuff here in 1807, sale of John Brown.

CHOWAN COUNTY, N.C. Index to Grantors, F NC C 7b, pt. 21: Job Meadow from Sam'l Woodward, Book C p. 539; Thomas Pearce here 1722. Benjamin Freeman 1722, John Freeman 1707, Wm. Moody and wife 1707-9, also Fosters here early.

ROWAN COUNTY, N.C. F NC R 5g, pt. 1, Court Pleas, 1753-1767, no index here and hard to read. p. 724 a deed from Patrick Mullins to Moses Dameron for 60 acres dated 2 Feb. 1767, proved by Hugh Denmum in open court. p. 723 a deed from William Johnson to Moses Damron for 70 acres dated ____ Aug. 1767, proved by Hugh Denmum. There are Terrills here.

ROWAN COUNTY, N.C. WILLS 1745-1868, no Damerons here, not even as witnesses.

ROWAN COUNTY, N.C. Tax List 1802-1804; Land Entries 1778-1795, no Dameron in these two films, and two whole hours wasted on them.

TANNARD'S EXTRACTS FROM VIRGINIA: P. 1 Gyles Moody, Justice of York Co. 1655. p. 5 Capt. Stephen Gill was burgess York Co. 1652.

TYLER, Am. Pub. V. 13: Martha Jane Ladd of Louisville, Ky. b. 9 March, 1847, d. 1930, m. James Madison Steele in Aug. 1865. Ch: Wm. Harvey Steele about 1866, died early; Bessie Steele about 1868, died early.

LANCASTER COUNTY, VA. Am. Pub. W. and M. Q. p. 177: 27 Sept. 1796 John Dameron m. Molly Brown. p. 246, Winifred Fielding later m. Thomas Dameron from whom she separated.

ESSEX COUNTY, VA. Colonial Abstracts 1703-6, no Damerons or Ladds; has Meadows.

ANSON COUNTY, N.C. Index to Deeds, 1749-1900, Grantors, no Ladds nor Damerons. Nothing in Index to Grantees, pt. 6.

HALIFAX COUNTY, VA. Notes by Ruth Dorius: 1777 Moody's Company went to Penn. 1779 Witcher's joined Gen. Green in S. C. 1780 Wm. service against Tories (name is William). 1780 John Wynn's Battle of Guilford Courthouse, James Turner, Henry Burnley, John Beckley, Wm. Clark, John Falkner; Siege of York--Fred Batt with Falkner. Some officers of Halifax Co., Va.: Capt. Fleming Bates, Peter Rogers, James Coleman, Geo. Wiley, Geo. Moore, Col. Geo. Boyd, Wm. Moore and Richardson. (Above from McAllister, '34.)

STOKES COUNTY, N.C. NOTES BY MARIAM DAMRON CROPPER:

Court Minutes of Stokes County, N.C. 1790-1800, not indexed, handwritten. 22 Dec. 1789, Constantine Ladd appointed with others as "Justice, to keep the Peace." Noble Ladd appointed juror at court. Noble Ladd appointed overseer of road from Dan River to Almond Guinns. Joseph Ladd on jury 1790. Noble Ladd on jury, 1790. A deed from Barnebus Farr and wife to Constant Ladd proved on oath of Joseph Ladd, 1790. Deed from Samuel Smith to Robert Majors proved on the oath of Noble Ladd 1791. (Anna named her daughter Huldah Majors Damron.) Constantine Ladd appointed sheriff Aug. 1791. John Ladd was witness in court Sept. 1791. Deed from Wm. Ladd and wife to Almon Guinn proved by oath of Thornton I. Guinn Dec. 1791. March 1792 deed from Ann Linwill to Andrew Robinson, proved by oath of Constant Ladd. Oath of allegiance to the United States of America and oath to support the constitution signed by Constant Ladd, Sheriff, 8 Mar. 1792. 9 Mar. 1792 deed from the commissioners of the town of Germanton to Constant Ladd proved on oath of Gabriel Waggenor and ordered to be registered. Ladd to pay _____. 1st Monday in Dec. 1792 deed from Wm. Ladd and wife to Noble Ladd was proved by the oath of Joseph Ladd and ordered to be reg.

Noble Ladd was on the grand jury 1793. Constant Ladd was present at court June 7, 1793. June 7, 1793 Noble Ladd was appointed overseer to open and clear Dan River from the county lin e of Rockingham to Mistress Angels, and that all the hands within the district proscribed by law assist in working to perform same. Robert Majors to open and clear it from thence to the mouth of Town fork. (They were neighbors.)

Deed from John Freeman to Wm. Beasley proved by oath of Andrew Robinson. Noble Ladd still on grand jury Dec. 1793. (There are Morrises here.) A deed from Constant Ladd and wife to Peter Fore was proved by Moses Linwell. Wm.Ladd on jury 1794. Constantine appointed to take list of taxables and property 1794. Deed from Constant Ladd to Mathew Warnock was proved by Andrew Robinson and ordered reg. Dec. 1794 Constant Ladd appointed overseer of the court house to keep it clean, and that he shall be allowed 40 shillings by the year out of the county taxes.

Deed Dec. 1794 from Constant Ladd to Colo. Absolam Bortick proved by Abraham Legrand. Dec. 1794 deed from Constantine Ladd, Anthony Bittingand John Mickey to Mary Bitting. (I finished this to 1795 and gave it up exhausted. Will try it again to find some evidence of our John and Anna being with the family in Stokes.)

STOKES COUNTY, N.C. DEEDS, 1790 to 1801: p. 2 Constant Ladd received grant for land on Dan River consid. 10 pounds for each 100 acres. p. 92 9 Dec. 1790, Constant Ladd Esq. High Sherriff of Stokes County, and Justice Reynolds, Sher. 121 5 Sept. 1791 Wm. Ladd to Alman Guinn both of Stokes, land on the north side of Dan River, signed by Wm. and Theodoshy Ladd. P. 123, same as above on the south side of the River. P. 234 Constant Ladd of Germanton, Stokes Co. sells to Taugott Bagge 28 pounds,land in Stokes on the waters of Town Fork, 1797. P. 238 Constant Ladd sells to Aaron Linwill, both of Stokes Co., for 199 pounds current money of N.C., land in Stokes Co. Signed Constantine Ladd. P. 243, Wm. Ladd sells to Nobel Ladd, both of Stokes Co., consideration 10 lbs. land in same county, it being land inherited from his father's estate. 230 acres more or less. Signed Wm. and Theodoshy. P. 308 Jacob Soloman buys from Constant Ladd, both of Stokes County, land in same county on Buffalo Creek, including one lot in Germanton town. 28 May 1796. p 273, George Danner (closest thing I've seen to Damron) of the county of Rowan N.C. sells to Jonathan Miller of Stokes Co. for $500 his plantation in Washovia in Stokes Co. on the south fork of Muddy Creek 189 3/4 acres (land bought by Danner from F.W. Marshall in 1786 (surry Co. Bk D, p. 368.) A Quarter acres of the above land to be for a burial place and kept in good fence forever after where the said George Danner's father, mother, brother and children are buried. Witness, Henry Ripple and Jacob Sheel. 10 Nov. 1799.

STOKES COUNTY, N.C. NOTES BY MARIAM DAMRON CROPPER: Marriages, V. 1 and 2.

Judith Dameron and James M. Richmond 1830.
Bethunia Ladd and Benjamin Forsyth, 1794.
Judith Ladd m. John Barner 9 May 1797.
Nancy Ladd m. John Plummer 1810, bondsman Noble Ladd, Jr.
Christopher Ladd m. Eliz. Brock 1805.
Constantine Ladd m. Nancy D. Carr, 1819.
J. Newton Ladd m. Margaret Evans, 1814.
Noble m. Sally Syrus 1811.
Noble m. Polly Burton 1812, bondsman, Const. Ladd.
Wm. H. Ladd m. Nancy Dalton 1820.

Mrs. Cropper says "searched marriage records in Pasquotank and North Hampton Counties, N.C. but found none of our names."

ANSON COUNTY, N.C. Index to Deeds A-F, pt. 1, F-L pt 2, 1749 to 1900,"Grantors. No Ladds or Damerons here. Closest is a Richard Dermund in 1759, not ours. There is a Hugh and a Wm. Kelly 1755-94, a million Littles, but no Liddells. Pt. 6 is Index to Grantees. None of ours."

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HALIFAX COUNTY, VA. Notes by Ruth Dorius: (McAllister, '34.)

General John Baytop Scott b. Halifax, 1761, ran away at 16 years and joined Light Horse Harry Lee's Legion; was made a lieutenant. In April, 1805, was made Commandant of district of Mississippi, at Cape Girardeau, Mo. (See Army of the U.S., reference says). Was Capt. of Silver Grays in War of 1812 and Brigadier-Gen. of St. troops in Gov. Floyd's adm. died 1813. Married in Halifax County, 1785, Patsy Thompson, dau. Wm. and Rachel Thompson. Had 9 children (Wm., Mary, Susannah, Rebecca, Ann, Patsey mentioned.) If our John was connected with the Halifax group, wonder if he couldhave known this Scott and gone to Ill. as some kind of scout too. Maybe picked up his Captain rank because of it. All this work foundin the D.A.R.

MOSES DAMERON IN ROWAN COUNTY, N.C. Mrs. Pearce wrote that the Albemarle County minutes (court) should be read from the time it was formed, 1744, from Goochland, up to about 1798. "Moses Damron, was in Rowan County, 1753, had land, sold it but by 1759 Rowan County had been cut up a lot, several counties formed from Rowan and Moses was located then in Surry County, N.C. and here too was Noble Ladd and his family (Noble Ladd d. here 1783). If we could read the Court Minutes of Rowan N.C. from 1751, the date it was taken from Anson County, the genealogist thinks that when Moses was cut off into Surry county, he sold his land there in 1759 and possibly went back to Rowan or Anson County." She added: There are only two Damerons listed as Revolutionary soldiers in N.C. Joseph and George--I have eliminated them." She also added: If Moses were father of John b. 1757, "John was born in either old or new Rowan county without a doubt, so get all census on Rowan County, N.C. start with 1800, then get 1810-20-30, and see if any Damron was there as late as 1840-50-60-70 etc. We have to eliminate that Moses of Rowan and Surry Counties of N.C. I have had replied to three letters about the tombstones, but have received no help from any course so far."

ROWAN COUNTY, N.C. Mariam Cropper wrote: "Amos and Noble Ladd are on the tax lists in Surry Co. as early as 1771-2. I find that Moses Damron (of Rowan Co.) sold land there in 1770, 156 acres to Sam'l Dunlap, 375 acres to Hugh Dennum. Both pieces were on the Dan River. These deeds are dated the 13th and 31st of Dec. 1770. Index to deeds of Rowan Co., N.C. shows no Damrons--there were Dennons--might be them. Moses, I think, was a neighbor of the Ladds. They also owned land on Dan River. Can't find any deeds in either name in Anson. Remember, there was a John Damron on that tax list in Surry 1771-2, too. Could this be ours? I don't think so--he was only 15 or so then. Anyway, Damrons were there. They shuffled between North Carolina and Virginia with ease. Must have lived near the state line on both sides. I've lined up a lot of index on North Carolina--the earlier counties.

Rowan Marriages: John Reudasil and Nancy Cook, 10 Dec. 1832; John x Rudasills and Sally Jacobs 29 Oct. 1810, also Shorts and Shoats here, no Shultz or Scholtz. There was a Betsy Rudisil in the bride's index.

"Only Rowan county court records we have here are: Minutes of probate court, 1818-1822, Minutes etc. 1787 to 1789. Handwritten, not indexed. Went through the early ones. Saw no Damrons or Ladds. Minutes of equity court 1788 to 1798; 1798 to 1818 hand written but both indexed. No Damrons or Ladds in either. Surry Co. was created in 1770--maybe their land was in that section. Anyway, if Moses was here, he kept out of court."

SURRY COUNTY, N.C., INDEX TO DEEDS, 1771-1800: Grantors: Moses Dannon, to Sam'l Dunlap, Grantee, deed BK. A, p. 31; Moses Dannon to Hugh Dannon, A, 98; Moses Dannon to John Douglas Book A, p. 218; Denrom and wife to Chas. McNally A, p. 67, 265-10 (if this is Moses, might state his wife); H. Danmore to John Good, B, p. 135; John Durham? to John Lenny D, p. 113; Denurn from Rogers, C, p. 58; Hugh Dennum from Davie, C, p. 264; Fred Danner, Sr. from Fred Jr. K O 309,297,305; Fred Danner, Sr. from CONSTANT WILSON, L, p. 156; Jacob Dunman was here 1844 and after; N. Ladd to John Chadwell, A p. 159; Amos Ladd, to Peter Haeton, C p. 201; Cor.? Ladd to A. Bostic, D, p. 100; Amos Ladd from Wm. Coker A, 215; Noble Ladd from Jo. Patterson, B, p. 208; Wm. and Judah Ladd from Noble Ladd, B, 220; A. Ladd from Noble Ladd, D, p. 99; Noble Ladd from State, 200 acres, C, p. 11; Noble Ladd from State, 50 acres, C, p. 14; Constant Ladd from F. Luntz, C, p. 229; Constant Ladd from Wm. Bastick, C, p. 427; etc.

Const. Ladd witnessed a will for David Linwell, 1787, Surry Co. No. 362 Hugh Denham enters 100 acres of land lying on Dan River, beginning below the mouth of Flat Shole Creek running up said River on the south side, 1 Aug. 1778. No. 263, Philip Wilson enters 250 acres lying on both sides of Dan River, including the place that formerly belonged to Hugh Dennum. No. 741, Constantine Ladd enters 200 acres of land Surry Co. Hewen's Creek, beginning on William Thompson's land, 19 Sept. 1778. No. 741, Noble Ladd, Sr. enters 200 acres of land in Surry Co. lying and being on Blews Creek adjoining John Hutchens, 28 Feb. 1780. No. 769, Hugh Dunnum enters 50 acres of land Surry Co. on both sides of Flat Shole Creek, including the mouth of the 1st fork of said Creek for complement, 28 Sept. 1778. Wilsons are right by this. No. 808 Constant Ladd and Wm. T. Lewis enter 500 acres of land adjoining Wm. T. Lewis' land which includes Stoners Mill, beginning on the north side of the said creek running down the said creek, including both sides of the same for quantity, 3 Oct. 1778.

SURRY COUNTY, N.C. TAX LIST FOR 1771: Hugh Dannon, JOHN DAMRON (now who is this John? Our John Sr. would be only about 14.), Noble Lad, 8, Emus Ladd, 1, Noble Lad, 6; George Shultz 1. No Rudisills, but were Reynolds. Same for 1772. A lot of this I can't read. If John Damron was still there I can't see it, but could be.

SURRY COUNTY, N.C. TAX LIST, 1772, by Mariam Cropper:

Hugh Denium; Noble Ladd, Sr. 450 acres on Dan River, slaves: Cloe, 56, Jacob 55, Jacob 15, Abram, 10, Will 33, Dilas 32, Peter 24, Doll 20, Dick 19, Dinah 16, Horses 4, cattle 11, total amt. 697.10. Willsons right next to Ladds here. Constant Ladd, slaves: Lew 6, horses 2, cattle 5, total amt. 137. Noble Ladd, Jr. 100 acres on Dan River, horses 2, cattle 6, total 43. Amos Ladd, 100 acres on Dan River, horses 4, cattle 6, total, 78:10. Thompsons and Majors are neighbors here. John Darum (?) 100 acres on Dead Creek, 1 horse, 3 cattle, total 59. Freemans are here: Wm, Joshua, Amos, James and Samuel, in Capt. Lovell's dist: James Short, Thomas Baron.

SURRY COUNTY, N.C. GENERAL INDEX TO WILLS:

Noble Ladd, p. 172. We already have this. No Damrons or Rudisills here. Will of Hugh Dennam, May 1787, names grandsons John Cleaton and Hugh Clemons, sons-in-law, Isaac Clemons and Stephen Cleaton, daughters Mary Cleaton and Ann Clemons. Wits. Chas. McAnally, John Ewing (?) and John Linn. Proved Nov. term, 1789.

Page 5, inventory of Noble Ladd, Sr. filed and returned to court Feb. term, 1783, by Noble Ladd, Jr. exec.

negros 10	beds and bed steads 4	6 spoons	1 small skillet	1 whip saw
horses 4	chests 2	3 wheels	1 frying pan	1 cross saw
cattle 14	1 table	1 pr. cotton cards	1 pr. iron sliders	2 hand saws
sheep 4	12 plates	1 wool card	1 iron	1 adds
hogs 23	4 basons	2 pots	3 iron wedges	4 chissels
				2 drawing knives

2 smooth guns	7 hogsheads	450 acres of land	
1 case of 10 bottles	1 steal trap	3 plows	
3 saddles	2 hammers	9 hoes	2 plains
1 wagon	1 pr pinchers	3 axes	1 box iron
5 bridles	1 pr nippers	1 hatchet	1 candlestick
		1 set of cooper's tools	4 books
			2 small trunks
			1 pr money scales
			1 bagg of feathers

STOKES COUNTY, N.C. MARRIAGES:

Fredrick Shutz x md. Sally Hess, 4 Dec. 1804.
Louisa Shults and James Brendel, 8 Apr. 1841.
A.E. Shultz (bride) and Alex C. Blum, 15 May,1843.
etc. etc. (See section III on the Shultz family.)

CHOWAN COUNTY, N.C. WILLS, picked up by Ruth Dorius: James Damerell, Chowan precinct, June 22, 1692, Oct. 3, 1704, probate; dau. Rachell, wife Lucy.

OHIO. (This is out of place but will fill in the space from Mariam Cropper's page). Ohio Publ. C. (Ohio Genealogical Quarterly, V. 6, p. 508-9. No Damrons or Ladds listed with Gallia county taxpayers in 1810. p. 178, news notices from Jefferson Co. May 15, 1818 "In Smithfield at a meeting in the school house, it was agreed to open a free school under the direction of..." Benjamin Ladd and others named. P. 65, John Ladd in Franklin Co. record, 1827. P. 83, John Ladd exec. on a will, same. Co. P. 85, John W. Ladd witness on will, Sharon twp. Franklin Co. There were Nobles living here too. John W. Ladd was a Justice of the Peace here, p. 128. His name appears several times, p. 136, 279,357 and 477, covering 1822 to 1834. p. 295 Among owners of Virginia Military land in Pickaway Co. in 1822 is the name of Joseph Ladd. P. 190, Geo. Kelly had a letter in the post office at New Selena, Jefferson Co. 16 Jan. 1819 (Ruth, he is your great-grandfather--great-great rather.) He is p. 285 on tax list for Butler Co in 1810. Joseph Kelly is also on it.

4. THE DAMERONS OF AMHERST AND HELSON COUNTIES, VA. WITH NOTES ON ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VA.

In the Land Surveys of Amherst County, Va., I found William Dameron, p. 168. In Amherst Court Orders p. 47 I found Daniel Lattimore and p. 94, Thom. Thompson. I read these up to 1767. I found nothing in Amherst Deed Book 1765-9. In Amelia County, 1742-7, Deeds, I found nothing but Ligons--many of them.

Amherst County, Va. deeds 1761-1865, has Charles Dameron deeding to Wm. Camden, 1778, and Dunmore Dameron deeding to John Matthews, Sr. 1800, Book 1, p. 107. Mrs. Cropper also copied the following items:

1804 Dunmore Dameron to John Matthews, Sr. Book K, p. 109.
1788 George Dameron, deed to Alex. Chesnall, Book F, p. 335.
1786 George Dameron, deed from Moses Ray and wife Book F, p. 75.
1791 William Dameron deed to Wm. Mickle Book G, p. 15.
1790 William Dameron from Jacob Pettijohn, Book F, p. 535.
1793 William Dameron from Joseph Crews, Jr. deed Book G, p. 283.
1795 William Dameron from Madison Hill, Book H, p. 563.

No Ladds were listed here.

In the Index to Amherst County Marriages I found the following Damerons:

JOHN DAMERON m. Phoebe Goodrich, 1813, Feb. 15, Edmund Goodrich, father, witnesses Thomas Goodrich and Gideon Goodrich. P. 234.

William Dameron, 1787, m. Susanna Lee, widow, wit. Joshua Shelton, Job Taliaferro, George Lee, Joseph Dawson. P. 35.

Lucy, p. 183
Desmon, Wiatt, 430
E. P., 489
Elizabeth, 403
George H., 497
James T., 179
L., 480
Lucy T. 365
Mary J., 491
Patsy, 246
Sally, 171
Susanna, 236
Also Wm. Morris, bachelor, of Bedford and Christian Simons, spinster, Apr. 30, 1793, m. by Rev. Wm. Dameron.

GEORGE DAMRON, Dec. 4, 1819, to Polly Magan, Sec. Jos. McGhan, Beverley Davies, p. 258. However, though "George" is in the bond, at the end the name is "Charles Dameron." Polly must have changed her mind.

In this I also found J. Moody, 496 and William L. 480, and Paulina, 480.

In the 1840 Census for Amherst County, I found, Mary E. Damron, p. 219, 1 person under 10, 2 males under 15; Drury C. Damron, p. 230, Alexander Henson, p. 208; David L. Garland, p. 230; Charles Henson, p. 203 (back), Murry Henson.

In the section on the Revolution I have described George Damron with Morgan's Riflemen in 1777, where Daniel Dameron had John Welch as substitute.

The book by L.H. Sweeney, Amherst County, Virginia, in the Revolution, also mentions a Col. Dameron p. 54, and p. 148 says that Austin Knight and Elizabeth Ham "were m. in Amherst Co., Va. Feb. 24, 1789, by Rev. Damron." There are many Moores in Sweeney but no Ladds nor Balls, and only one Moody, Thomas.

I looked at W. M. Sweeney's Marriage Bonds and Other Marriage Records of Amherst County, Va. and found nothing except where Sally Ball m. James Jopling, Nov. 26, 1799, with consent of father, William Ball; p. 60 lists Wilson Penn and Frances Taliaferro, 1796, cert. of m. by the Rev. William Dameron, Sept. 12, also one by Rev. Dameron for 1794 and other items similarly referring to him. The book had no Ladds nor Moodys nor Nobles, but had some Wyatts. P. 23 has William Dameron, bachelor, m. Susanna Lee, widow, Mar. 23, 1786, Joshua Skelton, surety, consent of Susanna.

ALBEMARLE: Mrs. Pearce wrote: "In Albemarle County records I notice where Hugh Morris lived adjoining to George Dameron. That makes me think that this George Dameron m. a Miss Morris and that they were possibly parents of that Charles who mentioned 'My uncle Hugh Rice Morris in 1776.' This Morris was an Atty." She also said about John Dameron who d. Albemarle: "I have been unable to find anything about this Albemarle John. The genealogist there whodid work for me told me there was no inventory, but the Probate Judge wrote me that there was an inventory but showed no names, nothing but listing pots and pans, cow etc. This John could have been the fatherof our John b. 12 Jan. 1757." She says she has all the records on Charles Dameron who left Albemarle about 1776.

Ruth Damron Dorius wrote: "Many soldiers of Albemarle County, Va. were in the 2nd and 9th Regt. (majority), a lot in the 14th, 4, 7, 5, and 6th. (From Albemarle County--Woods.) Charles Crawford was listed in Albemarle County militia on the frontier against the Indians. (Hening's Statutes, V. 7, p. 203.)"

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AMHERST COUNTY, VA. Mrs. Pearce sent note: "William Dameron sells land 1791; William Dameron and wf. Susahnah sell land, 1796, 1798 he buys. Dunmore Dameron buys land, 100 acres, north side of the Anne Laugh Creek." She also mentioned the reference in the Amherst County, Va., in the Revolution, of "Drum & Fife in Capt. Cabell's Co., of 6th Reg. June 1777, one John Welch is appt'd to takethe place of Daniel Dameron. George Dameron on pay roll of Capt. Cabell's 6th Va. Battalion, July 1777, Nov. 1777, Feb. 1778."

For reference on Nelson and Amherst see record of George Dameron in the section The Damerons in the Revolution. Dunmore Dameron m. Patsey Cox, as I remember it.

In the Index to Nelson County Marriages I found these Damerons: Abby, p. 65, Drury C. 19, James T., 25, John, 36, John Q. 72, 83; Nicholas B., 91, William 21, 28, William C. 84, 98, Wm. D., 74.

In the 1810 Census in Nelson County, Va. I found Charles Damron, also John Q. and William.

"Notes from the Family Bible of John W. Carter," by G.M. Bloyd: says he m. Mary Smith Dameron of Nelson County, Va. b. 1788 d. 1868, perhaps descended from Lazarus.

NELSON COUNTY, VA. Mariam Cropper checked the Marriage Register and found: Drury C. Dameron and Charlot D. Martin 1824; Ezra and Roxanna Loving 1863; James T. and Martha S.W. Thurmond, 1828; John and Lucy Peyton, 1837; John Q. and Sarah F. Townsend 1858;John O. and Sarah E. Loving 1865; Leland and Susanna Powell, 1836; Uriah A. and Martha M. Newton, 1858; Wm. and Sarah Ann Harding, 1825. Wm. and Hannah M. Griffin, 1831, Wm. D. and Lucy S. Welch, 1859. Zacharias L. and Belinda Loving, 1859.

NELSON COUNTY, VA. Notes by Mariam Damron Cropper:

Dameron names in Marriage Register, Va. N. 11:

Abby Ann and Wm. S. Witt; 1835; Elizabeth and Abram E. Chandler, 1823; Elvira J. and John Drumhiller, 1847; July A.S. and George Calahan, 1858; Lucy T. and Wm. Johnson 1822; Wm. R. Damron, bondsman; Martha F. and James Drumheller, 1843; Nancy C. and Isaac Newton, 1839; Leland Damron, bondsman;Polly and Joseph Thomas, 1836; Dunsmore Damron, bondsman; Sarah Ann and Jacob B. Farrer, 1846, Samuel Damron, bondsman; Sophia and Thomas Glass, 12 Mar. 1810; Elizabeth and Phillip Thurmond, 1826, Littlepage Damron, bondsman.

AMHERST COUNTY, VIRGINIA. Notes of Mrs. Cropper, Deed Records, B. G, p. 15.

"5 Sept. 1791, Wm. Damron of the county of Amherst sells to Wm. Mickle of Campbell County, consideration 200 lbs. current money of Virginia, land in Amherst County on Harrises Creek, it being a piece of land purchased by Pearce Wade of Wm. Staton and sold by said Wade to Wm. Damron, 214 acres.

"p. 283, Book G. Indenture between Joseph Crews and Wm. Damrin, both of Amherst County, consideration 40 lbs. current money of Virginia. Crews sells to Damron land inAmherst on Lynches Road, 60 acres patented by Crews 14 Sept. 1793. Witnesses: Daniel Mahone, Nathaniel Guttry, Nehemiah Royce.

"Book G, p. 472: Wm. Damron and Susannah his wife sell to Thomas Anderson consideration 40 lbs. 56 acres in Amherst County on Harris Creek. 29 Mar. 1796. Signed by Wm. and Susannah Damron. Witnesses: Charles Christain, Noel X Blinkenship, John Carter, Daniel Mahone, Thomas Colman, and Joseph Wilson.

"Book I, p. 107. John Mathews and Mary his wife sell to Dunmore Damron consideration 100 lbs. current money of Virginia, land in Amherst County on the north side of the Anne Laugh Creek, 100 acres more or less."

This same page notes also from Mrs. Cropper: GOOCHLAND, the Douglas Register: Under Wills of Goochland (older) he gives Constantine Ladd Book 9, p. 17, page 30, Marriages, male index, Const. Lad and _____ 1753 _____. Female Index: Lad, Mary and Will. Bradshaw, both of this Parish, Jul. 7, 1754. Marriages not performed by Rev. Douglass, but indicated by the birth registry, date is birth of first child: Male Index, Lad, Noble and Judah Dameral _____ Jan. 1753. Ladd Will, and Sarah Chowning 6 Nov. 1785. Female Index: Dameral Judah and Noble Ladd in Jan. 1753. Baptisms: 1764 bapt. 23 Oct. 1764, a son of Noble Ladd and Judah Dameral named Constant born Jan. 1753. Will Ladd and Sarah Chowning a son Wilson born 6 Nov. 1785, baptized 8 Mar. 1786. Deaths and Funerals: 16 April, 1780, Hemus Ladd's funeral, sermon on Rev. 2:10, in Goochland."

Note: King William Parish (Goochland) needs to be worked and Louisa has never been worked at all as yet. Mrs. Pearce wrote:"I have had extensive Albemarle county work done here, supposed to have all deeds made by Lazarus and his sons, etc. Need court minutes of all above counties. Always ask about court minutes on any county you start working on. I have never found our John Sr. in War of 1812, in fact, have never found John, but have found one John T. Damron of Ky. in War of 1812; he was later in Illinois with our John's crowd. It seems to me that all Damrons are kin. Guess our John was a Continental soldier if he was sick at Valley Forge. Moses Damron was first to go to N.C. so far as the Ladds were concerned."

5. NOTES ON BEDFORD, CAMPBELL, FRANKLIN, CHARLOTTE AND DINWIDDIE COUNTIES, VIRGINIA.

In Bedford County, Virginia, Mariam Damron Cropper found the following:

Index to Grantors, 1754-1920:

81 Wm. Dameron, grantor, John Kensly, grantee, 1794, Book 9, p. 329.
Wm. Dameron, grantor, Samuel Bellinia, grantee, Deed Book 9, p. 330.
Angelina H., Margaret, Malachi, were here in 1851.
Amanda, Edward G., et. al. were here in 1846. Name is spelled both ways later than this.
Ladds: Sarah S., Wm. P., and others, all after 1876.

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Bedford County was formed 1754 from Lunenburg and Campbell from Bedford in 1782, Franklin 1786. In 1765 Charlotte was taken from Lunenburg.

In Marriage Bonds of Campbell County, Va. I found:

JOHN DAMRON m. Sarah Moore, dau. of William, John Moore, Surety; 12-24-1804. Page 809.

Malachi Dameron m. Angeline Rucker, dau. Joshua, Henry T. Ogden, surety, 4-17-1848, p. 902. (Note: I seem to have found these two items in the Henrico Monthly Meeting records of the Quakers' Encyclopedia by Hinshaw. Also shows in Bedford Amos. Ladd m. Eliz. Ann Smith, 8-24-1840.)

In Franklin County, Va. Mariam Cropper found in Index to Deeds, 1786-1877:

James S. Dameron, grantor, Jeny F. Holcomb, Book 31, p. 400.

(There are many Dudleys in this index, James, Givin, Levi, Stephen, Thomas, Lewis.)

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In Charlotte County, Virginia, she found, in General Index to Deeds 1765-1881, Pt. 1:

1 Aug. 1799, Susannah Dameron to Richd. Sims, release, Book D, #8, p. 187.
1 Aug. 1797, Sarah Dameron to Richardson, Hunt etc. B.S. Book D, #8, p. 19.*
4 July 1795 Wm. Dameron from Thos. Pettus, Book D, #7, p. 131.
14 Nov. 1796 Wm. Dameron from John Jackson et. al. B.S. B. D, #8, p. 3.
1 Jan. 1798 Wm. Dameron to Abrezen Plummer, B.S. Book D, #8, p. 62.
1 Sept. 1798 Wm. Dameron to Richd. Sims B.S. Book D, #86, p. 153.
(There are many Johnstons, Johnsons and Irbys.)

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In Surveyors Plat Book 1755-1865, Order Book 1789-91, not indexed, Plat Book, p. 48, Mrs. Cropper found land surveyed by Joseph and Absolam Barron, Dinwiddie County, Va., 1771. Order Book p. 15: Joseph Lyall and his wife complt. vs. Mathew Winn and Samuel Dameron in chancery--dismissed by order of the complainants, March, 1789.

*(Note: The Ligon Genealogy, p. 433, mentions Sarah Dameron 1797 deeding a tract of land in Charlotte County, with Robt. Ligon, Carrington, etc.--Cumberland names.

6. NOTES ON BOUTETOURT AND PITTSYLVANIA COUNTIES, VA., ALSO LUNENBURG AND COUNTIES NEARBY.

BOUTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA: In Kegley's Virginia Frontier, I found Joseph Damerell, member of the militia, Capt. Pryor's Company, 1783, p. 452, on James River. (It had a good map of the Roanoke River p. 176 and 179, showing Lunenburg and also Goose Creek and Cub Creek near by. Lunenburg Court House is below Flat Rock Creek, which is at the head of the Meherrin River, next to Reedy Creek.)

In Boutetort,Mariam Cropper found in the Marriage Register:

JOHN DAMRON m. Molly Hardy, 22 Mar. 1796, sec. Thomas Hardy, minister Edward Mitchell.

Sally Dameral, above age of 21, m. Jos. Hamilton, 11 March, 1800, Christopher Dameron, affirmation as to age, Ezekial Williams, security.

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Anne Waller Reddy found in Marriages of Pittsylvania: JOHN DAMERON to Elizabeth Boyd 31 Dec. 1795, and George Dameron to S. Boyd, 5 Jan. 1785.

Also she wrote: "I took up the book called "Annals of South West Virginia," and there I found JOHN DAMERON listed on pages 1143 and 1345 but looking at those pages and what I thought they couldpossibly mean I found no listing at all. I was very disappointed for all genealogists know the thrill of locating a name for which you have been searching for some time. You can write to the clerk of Washington County, Abingdon, Va., and have some one he recommends do a little looking around for you. However, I imagine your ancestor stopped there en route somewhere for which he was bound."

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Bell's Sunlight on the South Side, on Lunenburg, p. 170, has Wm. Donmon, 1 tithable, Josiah Donman, James Domon with tithes, 1751, taken by Field Jefferson. (Sent by Mrs. Pearce. I believe these were the Downmans from Northumberland.)

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In The Old Free State, V. 2, by Bell, on Lunenburg, is p. 392: Elizabeth Ladd md. Seth Pettypool, 28 Jan. 1792, surety Thomas Ladd.

Cumberland Parish Vestry Book, Lunenburg County, p. 533, Thomas Ladd owned land here in 1772.

Index to Deeds, Lunenburg, Grantees: 1759 Wm. Ladd, Sr. Grantor, Wm. Ladd Jr. Book 5, p. 457. 1764, Wm. Ladd Jr. Grantor to Lewis Tanner, Book 8, p. 7. 1764 Joseph Ladd, Grantor, Wm. Ladd, Book 8 p. 185; 1777 Thomas Ladd Grantor to David Holt, Book 13, p. 51.

Lunenburg Parish Register, Episcopal Church of Richmond--nothing found by Mariam Cropper.

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FINCASTLE COUNTY, VA. Notes by Ruth Dorius from Sumner's Annals of S.W. Va. 1769-1800: "Fincastle County, May 5, 1773, The grand jury having returned made the following presentments--John Harmon for keeping Mary Allison and cohabiting with her by information of Moses Damrin."

7. NOTES ON THE DAMERONS IN NORTH CAROLINA, ALABAMA, KENTUCKY, GEORGIA, MISSISSIPPI AND OTHER STATES.

ALABAMA: Mariam Damron Cropper found in the 1860 Census of Lauderdale County, Ala. (F 55), living in the home of Camilla Hill, Frank Dameron 24 m. Hireling, b. Ala. The 1850 Census of Lauderdale County, Ala. #390, Dist. 1, taken Nov. 14, 1850, showed:

Simion Damrons	M	53	b. N.C. Farmer
Mary	F	41	b. N.C.
Elizabeth	F	23	b. Tenn.
Mary	F	20	"
Marthy	F	18	"
Benjamin	M	14	"
Sarah	F	11	b. Ala.
Abigale	F	9	b. Ala.
Idella	F	6	b. Ala.
Robert	M	1	b. Ala.

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NORTH CAROLINA: Mrs. Pearce searched Stokes and Surry, where the family of Noble Ladd were and where Moses Dameron was. She wrote: "Moses Dameron had land in Rowan County, N.C. 1753, sold 1767 (see 1760 census). The professional genealogist of Tennessee says that we should find Moses death in the first Court Minutes of this county, or possibly some other notes that would be of help to show our John there with what she thinks is his father, Moses. Rowan County was organized from Anson 1753; Surry from Rowan, 1770, Stokes from Surry, 1798, Montgomery Co., N.C. from Anson 1778. That prof. genealogist thinks Moses could have been in any of these counties. However, he sold his land in 1767 in Surry; had bought it in Rowan, 1753 (however, that could have been taken from Anson before he bought it.

"Stokes County, N.C. Census 1800: all of those Ladds there were sons of Noble Ladd; they were cut off from Surry into Stokes county. I have all of this data. Nothing helpful about our John.

"Warren County, N.C. Here are the Bute County records--Bute was abolished. I have a report from there that our John's name is not on deeds. I am wondering if possibly our John could have been in Northampton County, N.C. I have been unable to get a report from that county. John was not in N.C. in the 1790 Census.

"The land grants of N.C. say that Joseph Damron (Ladd?) was given a military grant in Green County, Tenn. 1789, but I have been unable to get any help from that, either in N.C. or Nashville, Tenn. They say, "have nothing on this grant in Green County." Early records were destroyed. You know we are all strong on that name Joseph for either the Ladd or Damron families; there was a reason for John and Anna naming their first son Joseph. I have a note where John Damron and Anna Ladd were supposed to have been married in Cumberland Parish, but have nothing else. I imagine I took this when I started out about twenty-five years ago."

MISSISSIPPI:

Nell Elkins Pierce found a John Damron in Jackson County, Mississippi, 1821.

GEORGIA: Notes by Mariam Damron Cropper:

Marriages, Elbert County, Georgia, 1804-29, no Damrons or Ladds.

Wilkes County, Georgia, Tax Digest 1787, no index, very bad condition, hard to read. Todds here. Sometimes it looks like Ladd but I think it is Todd. Thompsons here too. JOHN DEMARIN 1262 acres of land quality 3 poll taxes 5 (this on the list of taxables taken by Capt. Collins.) There are Dardens here, Moses, George and John, also Morrises and Thompsons, but no familiar names on them.

Wilkes 1801 tax list. Can't see any of ours here.

Wilkes 1805, Gills here. In Capt. Gamages' district the name Dameron appears as grantee to property of John Scolds.

Membership Roll of DAR in Georgia, 1946. None had joined on the name of Damron or Ladd. Some on Barrons, no Liddells.

Old Records of Wilkes County, Deed Book HH, V. 2. Page 293, John Dameron of Wilkes Co. deeds 160 acres on Williams Creek to Henry Harris of Richmond Co. for 20 shillings, 5 Oct. 1789. Testators were Benj. Scott, Thos. Grant, Daniel Grant.

V. 1, p. 227, John Dameron witnessed a will of Sam'l Rutherford. Dliver Matthews was the other testator. 25 Jan. 1788.

1801 Tax Digest of Warren County, Ga. Thompsons here, moses, Robert Jr. and Sr. Also Dormans here. John Damoril appears as grantee to land of Elisha Darden on Williams Creek. Note spelling (neighbors here are Joel Mathews, Wm. Smigh, Nicholos Long). This property adjoined Ruben Rogers. John Damerin was grantee for land owned by Jacob Darden on Williams Creek. This also adjoined Ruben Rogers. John Damron was also grantee for land owned by James Davidson on Williams Creek, adjoining Jno. Craton. (All of the above found in Capt. Wm. Smith's district.)

Nell Elkins Pearce also found John Damron in Georgia 1787, 1789, Wilkes Co., and Washington Co. 1799, who disappeared in 1805. See pp. 11-12, in "The Damerons in the Revolution," in this mss.

TENNESSEE:

Mariam Cropper looked up the 1820 Census of Maury County, and found only Jehosaphat Ladd. Also in Tennessee, Bible, Cemetery and Family Records, she found nothing in part one, and in part 2, Bedford Co., Coleman Cemetery, located 7 miles from Shelbyville on the farm of J.L. Walder, she found the following:

Tom Damron, May 27, 1855, May 2, 1909.
Bettie Damron March 1, 1858, 19 June 1916, "Our Loved One Has Gone."
Lizzie Damron, Aug. 21, 1885, Nov. 16, 1908.
Wm. Damron, Feb. 25, 1817, Feb. 16, 1911

Hattie R., daughter of J.T. and M.B. Damron, Apr. 28, 1879, May 11, 1879.
Pleasant R., son of J.T. and M.B. Damron, Jan. 8, 1878, May 11, 1878

"There is also a Gill Family cemetery in Bedford County. Some of the names in it are Winston W., Henrietta, Alexander (b. 1781), John S. and Sere S. Finished this film to Wilson Co. p. 30."

SOUTH CAROLINA: 1790 Census, p. 84, 96 Dist. Pendleton Co. has Amos Ladd, free white males over 16, one, under 16 4, 3 females, 1 slave.

NOTES ON TEXAS BY MARIAM DAMRON CROPPER:

Tyler's History of Texas, p. 97, shows the 1850 Census of Bell County: Milton W. Damron, age 26, b. Tenn., Sarah 18 b. Mo., Sarah 11 months b. Tex. Living on or near the south side of Little River. Page 129 shows Milton W. Damron served duty on the first grand jury ever impanelled in Bell County, 1851. Page 183, M.W. Damron home on the Lampasas near Comanche Gap. P. 187 shows M.W.Damron with the Bell County Rangers 1859--organized to fight Indians. P. 212, Milton W. Damron, Capt. of Company D. 18 reg. Texas Volunteer Cavalry 1860, Civil War.

Texas 15. John Wesley Dameron b. Ark. 21 Apr. 1857, son of John and Sarah Dameron. His father was a native of Mo. spent a few years in Ark. before moving to Waco, Texas. Md. in Waco 4 Nov. 1890, Miss Evelyn Wood Buchanan, had two children, Sidney B. Dameron (d. 24 Dec. 1918) and a daughter Gurly Ruth, wife of T.A. Jenkins of Waco. John Wesley Dameron died 29 Mar. 1918. He was a member of the Methodist church. Was quite prominent and acquired a good deal of wealth. Waco City Director for 1948 lists: Helen Dameron 701 Columbus Way, A.G. Damron, student, Baylor University, res. Brooks Hall; John Damron, machinist, M-K-T-RR res. 627 Garland.

Texas, History of Ellis County, organized 1849. P. 81 shows among the very first settlers Howe, Nealy, Etham, Milton, Welch and Wm. J. Ladd. One of the early settlers on Grove Creek near Bristol was Joshua Brock, husband of John Jr.'s oldest daughter. Milam Co. org. 1836; Robertson 1837; Navaroo, 1846, was part of Robertson. Ellis 1849 from Robertson. Still cannot find Damrons in Ellis County 1850 census.

Milam County, Texas, 1850 census: Menton W. Damron, 26 male, farmer, born Tenn.; Sarah 18, b. Mo.; Sarah 11 months, b. Texas. (Thomas Barron b. Va. also here. One of Dad's cousins, M.W. Moody, has a son living in Calif. named Minton, I think.)

Nacogdoches County, 1850 Census: Moses Damron, 45, b. Ohio, farmer, property valued at $4,200; Mary 42, b. Ky.; John 23, b. Mississippi; Angelina 18, b. Miss.; George 15, b. Miss; Thomas 12 b. Miss.; James 9 b. Miss.

Navarro County, Texas, 1850 Census: Wm. J. Ladd, 35, hotel keeper, b. Indians. (Moodys here.)Emaline Ladd, 30, b. Ind.; Levi D. 10, b. Ark. Abram L. 8 b. Texas, Mary Ann, 6 b. Texas. Amanda C. 3 b. Texas; Louisa J. 10/12 b. Texas. Dearmons are here from Ky, Tenn. Ala. Schultz here from Ala., Va. Mo. (includinga Sarah b. in Ark.) Went through this film quite carefully, did Robertson and Rusk carefully. Finished to but not including Refugio County.

KENTUCKY: Mrs. E. R. Walker received the following Nov. 20, 1952, from Rediford Damron, College of Education, University School, University of Kentucky, Lexington. "I believe we are related. I have been searching for some information that might be of interest to you and I must admit that it has created an interest in me. My father was Zeke Damron (Ezekial), the son of Lazarus Damron, of whom you spoke. My line came from Ireland, landed in Norfolk, Va. Large family of boys. Boys left home rather young. 1 settled on Shelby Creek, Pike County; 1 settled in Wayne Co., W. Va. that is where my family came from. 1 settled in Laurence County, Ohio. Lazarus, my grandfather, had a brother Moses and one named Sam. My father married a McGuire of Louisia, Ky., near Wayne Co., W.Va. They had three children, Pem and Rebecah, who are dead, and Luther who lives at Millard, Ky. Pike Co. After his wife's death, (Zeke, my father's wife), he married my mother who was Nan Deskins of Pike Co. They had two girls, Virgie and Harriet, both living, and four boys--John, Lacy, named for Lazarus, and Bob, all dead. I'm the only boy living in my immediate family. Lacy died Sept. 7, 1952, and Bob died 1947. I am 41 and still a bachelor. My mother and I live in Lexington. I am a professor of Education at the University of Ky."

KENTUCKY AND OREGON:

MRS. SARAH DAMRON ADAIR--PIONEER OF 1843
By her Daughter, Dr. Owens-Adair

Mrs. Owens was born in Kentucky 8 Jan. 1818. She was the first daughter of Moses and Jennie Damron. Her father was of pure English blood, and immigrated from England to Kentucky, with two brothers, Lazarus and Richard, and settled on the Big Sandy River. Mr. Damron was a great Indian fighter, and was employed by the government as a scout and spy during the war with the Shawness and Delawares. He performed great deeds of daring and bravery which were recognized by the government. Among them was that of rescuing a woman and five children. The Shawness had scalped her husband and carried off herself and 6 children. The Indians soon tired of the baby, and tearing it from its mother's arms, beat it to death against a tree, then hushed its mother's screams by rubbing her face with her husband's scalp. (There is given here a detailed account of the rescue of this woman and her 5 remaining children. Mr. Damron was leader in this, and truly was a brave gentleman.--M.D.C.) For this brave act the government presented him with a splendid rifle valued at that time at $200.00.

He married Jennie Mullins in 1812. They were parents of (1) Moses; (2) Sarah; (3) Louisa; (4) Elizabeth; (5) William; (6) Solomon. In 1826 they moved to Illinois, where they lived for two years, but not being satisfied there, Mr. Damron started to return to their old home in Kentucky. They reached ~~Posey (?)~~ Pope County, Ill. on the Ohio River, where they stopped to rest. Here Mr. and Mr. Damron were attacked with what was then known as "milk fever", and within six days both were dead and buried. During their illness, the father called their oldest son and daughter, Moses and Sarah (the subject of this sketch) 12 and 10 years old to his bedside and told them many times describing in the minutest detail each turn and cross road on their long journey home. He marked out their old route, and made them promise that they would continue steadily on until they reached their relatives in Kentucky. In those days children without parents were 'bound out.' To provide against this, Mr. Damron called in his Masonic brothers and got a pledge from them that they would see to it that his children should not be "bound out." He then made all arrangements for their journey. After the burial of the parents, these six children started on their sad journey in a little light one-horse wagon or carriage. They reached home in one month, including all stops, never once lost the way, or having to retrace their steps, so well had this wise father impressed his accurate knowledge on the minds of his young son and daughter. But sad to say, this trip was the means of rendering this twelve-year old lad a cripple for life. While descending steep hills, he often had to put his foot under the wagon wheel to keep it from slipping and thereby bruised his foot and ankle, which brought disease to the joint, making him a cripple and finally causing his death. People were very kind to them all the way. (Interesting account of two or three incidents that happened on the way--one woman wanted to adopt them; but Moses said no, he could not break his promise to his father--also an event wherein an old bachelor partly unbalanced wanted to keep them--they were afraid of him and left while he wasn't near. M.D.C.)

After they reached home, they were divided among their relatives. Sarah went to live with her maternal grandmother who was then 80 years of age. After her grandmother's death, Sarah went to live with an uncle and aunt who were kind to her and taught her to weave and spin and do all kinds of work. Her only sorrow was her separation from her brothers and sisters. The nearest was 30 miles away--a few times she walked all that way to visit with them.

When she was sixteen she met and married Thomas Owens, the sheriff of Pike County, Ky. Two children, Thomas (died in infancy) and Diana were born here. After two years they moved to Missouri, Van Buren County, where their second daughter, Bethinia, writer of this article, was born in 1840. The oldest daughter married John Hobson. They lived in Van Buren County for one and a half years, then moved to 'Platte Purchase,' Mo., where a son was born, the late Hon. W. F. Owens of Douglass County, Oregon. In the spring of 1843 they moved to Independence,Missouri, and joined the immigrants that were going to Oregon.

(There follows a fine account of experiences crossing the plains, of hardships and privations, of crossing great rivers, running short of food, Indians. etc. They were met by Marcus Whitman, who brought them dried peas and corn and fish, when they were desperate for food. They rested a short time at the Whitman Mission, then resumed their journey by boat, going to Vancouver and on to Astoria, arriving there Christmas Day, 1843. Finally they settled in Clatsop County, Oregon. Also gives instances of experiences pioneering there as miners, farmers, etc. --M.D.C. Oregon Pub. B, 1900, p. 65 to 82.)

Further note by Mariam Damron Cropper: These Damrons were in Floyd and Pike Counties, Kentucky. We find in records that a Lazarus Damron, Indian spy and scout for the government, worked through Washington and other counties in western Virginia about 1790 and followed the Big Sandy River into Floyd County, Ky. Undoubtedly Moses and Richard were his brothers, and might have been brother or at least cousin to our John b. 1757 Virginia. Sarah says here that her father was of pure English stock and went from England to Kentucky, but we must remember that she was only 10 years old when her parents died and raised by her mother's people. I have had some correspondence with Damrons living in Pike and Floyd County, including a brother and sister, John Wess Damron 94 and Cordie Damron Benson, 96. In answer to my questions, they tell me the oldest generation of Damrons they know of was Dick, their great-grandfather, and one names Mose of the same generation. Dick had a son called Buck, and evidently Buck (obviously a nickname) was father of Alex, who was the father of this John Wess and Cordie and others. Again note similarity of names, Alexander and John being used often in Virginia and Wesley all through the early families of John Jr. and others.

WEST VIRGINIA: Mrs. Cropper has this note: In Raleigh County, West Virginia, there is a little town called 'Dameron'. Handy book says Raleigh was created in 1850 from Fayette. Fayette was created 1831 from Kanawah, Greenbrier, Logan. Kanawah was created 1789 from Greenbrier and Montgomery. Greenbrier created 1778 from Montgomery. Annabel just sent me a map with this little town circled, but seeing as how so many of them stemmed from Montgomery and Montgomery was taken off Albemarle, it bears a look-see. (If we can turn up Joseph, that will make it look good. Town of Ladd, too, in Bureau County, Ill. R.D.)

TEXAS: Mariam Cropper's notes:

Fannin County, Texas, Precinct #2, June 1880:

	Relationship	Age	Born
John H. Damron		53	Illinois
Nancy A.	wife	32	S.C.
Joe H.	son	16	Texas
Milton W.	son	14	Texas
Simeon A.	son	10	Texas
Butler, Jos. T.	nephew	20	Texas
" Jno. D.	nephew	18	Texas

This Simion looks kin to the one I found in Lauderdale, Ala. in 1850. Annabel thinks this is the son of George and Elizabeth Heap. She also thinks John Dameron in Miss. 1828 was not John Sr. Could have been J Jr. out looking for more land.

THE DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS DAMERON, WILL 1766, WICOMICO PARISH
WHO HAD SONS, LAZARUS, AARON, JOSEPH, THOMAS AND MOSES.

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, m. Dorothy _____, was in Northumberland Co., Va. 1652.

II. BARTHOLOMEW m.Elizabeth, prob. dau. of Christopher Garlington. He d.1708.

III. JOHN, youngest son, Will 1743, also lived in Wicomico Parish, Northumberland, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Taylor in 1728. She m. 2d George Flowers.

1. Bartholomew Will 1807 m. Mary Waddy. Their son Thomas m. Nancy Ann Ball and moved to Kentucky 1810, Bourbon Dounty. One son was named John Thent 1800-1829.
2. Joseph, Will 1759, m. Elizabeth Waddy, had one child, Nancy.
3. John, Will 1777, died Halifax Co., N.C. m. Sarah or Sukey Tignor. His ch. were Christopher, heir, Sarah, Judith, Betty m. Williams, Tignor, a Rev. soldier, sold land in Halifax 1789, Joseph and John. The two latter may be the ancestors of the Damerons of Lincoln County, Tenn., both having sons named John, James and William. Joseph m. Haynie, prob. Elizabeth. One desc. of John was Jasper W. Dameron who moved from Tenn. to Illinois, his son being William J. Dameron of Union Co., Ill. who said his branch were related to the John Damron b. 1757 family of Illinois.
4. Thomas, Will 1766 (see below.)

IV. THOMAS, son of above John Will 1743, had his will dated 1766, which cut off all his sons with five shillings, except Thomas, the sole heir. This seems to indicate they were grown and perhaps had moved away. The others were "Jo.", Lazarus, Aron, Moses. The father lived in Wicomico Parish, Northumberland, 1766, but it is believed that Aron, Moses and perhaps Thomas went to Lancaster, where their grandmother, dau. of Thomas Taylor, had owned considerable property inherited from her father.

1. Aron, probably in Lancaster County, Va. on the 1783 tax list, with 6 whites, no black; along with Moses with 6 white, no slaves. In the 1790 census of Lancaster we find Damerons, Thomas, Moses, Aaron--also John,William, Dennis, Samuel and Rachel (widow of John Dameron Will 1782 in Lancaster, and sister of Lott Palmer.

2. Thomas, heir to his father's will, perhaps in Lancaster 1790 census. A Thomas of Lancaster served in the Virginia Navy and his son Dennis was his heir about 1834. Aaron was also in the Revolution, invalided home from 3d company of militia. (P. 76, Part One). Moses was also a soldier in 1777, Lansaster. Nottingham's History of Lancaster Rev. Soldiers says Aaron Dameron m. Elizabeth Perkins, no date given.

3. Moses, perhaps in 1790 in Lancaster County, Va. However, I believe that he and his brothers Lazarus and "Jo." went to new land in other areas. I believe Moses was listed in the 1782-5 tax list in Montgomery County, Va. in 1782, though he may still have resided in Lancaster while owning land in Montgomery, as a Revolutionary soldier. He may have moved to Washington County, Va. 1786.

4. Joseph or "Jo." which might conceivably be "John", in which case I would think it the John b. 1757. I believe this Joseph was in Boutetourt County, Va. in Capt. Pryor's Company of Militia 1782. He could have had the land grant in Green County, Tenn. (formerly in N.C.), a Quaker center, 1783. In either case he might have been the father of John b. 1757 who named his first son Joseph b. 1781.

5. Lazarus. I have found no other Lazarus except in Albemarle and Kentucky.

V. LAZARUS, son of Thomas Dameron, mentioned in his will 1766, in Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, Va. (Lawrence[1] Bartholomew[2] John[3] Thomas[4]). It is likely that he was the Indian scout in western Virginia about 1790, who followed the Big Sandy River into Floyd County, Ky., and was a scout for Daniel Boone. Of course, this Lazarus might also be a grandson of the Lazarus of Albemarle County, Va. as the names in this family, Moses and Richard are similar to Albemarle names, and also the family in Kentucky of Rediford Dameron has a tradition that they came from Norfolk which might mean a connection with the Ladds from Norfolk, related to Anna Ladd, wife of John Damron b. 1757. It is frequent to confuse the history of maternal and paternal lines. This Lazarus was in Washington and other counties and his descendants or those of the family lived in Kentucky. (A John Damron witnessed a will 1780 in Washington County, Va. (Annals of S.W. Va., by Sumners.) Other families in Washington County, 1780, were familiar: McCormack, Lathin, Gill, Rogers, Thompsons and Morris. Also in Washington County Moses Dameron in 1786 was on Gravely Lick Branch, and H.C. Dameron was minister 1881.) Now the theory may be that Lazarus, Moses, Joseph and John or several of them travelled in much the same direction toward Tennessee and Kentucky and Illinois, with their cousins or brothers. There was also a John Damron on the 1810 census of Monroe County, West Virginia.

1. Lazarus of Kentucky must have been a son of above Lazarus, though I have no record of this. Sarah Damron Adair said her father, Moses, had brothers Richard and Lazarus who migrated with him to Kentucky on the Big Sandy River. Rediford Dameron of the Univ. of Ky. said "My father was Zeke Damron (Ezekial), the son of Lazarus Damron... large family of boys... 1 settled on Shelby Creek, Pike County; 1 settled in Wayne Co., W. Va., that is where my family came from. 1 settled in Laurence County, Ohio. Lazarus, my grandfather, had a brother Moses and one named Sam. My father married a McGuire of Louisia, Ky., near Wayne Co., W.Va." Now, Daniel Boone was employed by Richard Henderson (of Warren County, N.C.) in 1769 to open up the wilderness trail to "Transylvania", the new settlement in Kentucky, though before this Dr. Thomas Walker had explored Virginia (perhaps father of Capt. Thomas Walker under whom John Damron served in 1776.) I believe this Thos. Walker was ofAlbemarle of the Daniel Boone era. Boone died 1820, so a contemporary of his could not very well be the father of Rediford's father, Rediford being only 41 in 1952.

(1) Ezekiel, son of Lazarus, m. ____ McGuire of Louisia, Ky., near Wayne County, and had three children, Pem, Rebecah, and Luther, now living at Millard, Pike County, Ky. He m. 2d Nan Deskins of Pike Co., and they had two girls, "Virgie and Harriet, both living, and four boys--John, Lacy, named for Lazarus, and Bob, all dead. Lacy died Sept. 7, 1952, and Bob died 1947."

2. Richard, brother of Lazarus. Mariam Damron Cropper corresponded with John Wess Dameron 94 and sister Cordie Damron Benson, age 96, whose great-grandfather was Dick, there being one named Mose of the same generation. Dick had a son Buck, father of Alex, who was father of above still living brother and sister. Jillson shows Land grant in Kentucky, Floyd Co., Shelby Creek, for Richard Dameron, 5-18-1808. (See p. 45, Part Two.)

3. Moses, brother of Richard and Lazarus, m. Jennie Mullins in 1812, and had children Moses, Sarah, Louisa, Elizabeth, William, Solomon. In 1826 they moved to Illinois for two years but died in returning to Kentucky, leaving a family of orphans. The story is gold by Sarah Damron Adair. (See p. 43, Part Two.)Sarah b. Jan. 8,1818, inKentucky, was oldest daughter and at sixteen m. Thomas Owens, sheriff of Pike Co., Ky. Two children, Thomas and Diana were born there, then they moved to Van Buren County, Mo. where Bethinia was b. 1840. In the spring of 1843 they joined the immigrants going to Oregon along the Oregon Trail from Independence, Mo.

NORTH CAROLINA: In Olds' Wills of North Carolina in the State Archives in Raleigh, N.C. I found p. 289, Wm. Dameron, mentioning wife Doshea, Moses and Noble. Date 1796, county not given. There were no Damerons in the Bertie Index in the Archives--the librarian looked and said nothing was listed.

SURRY COUNTY, N.C. had Ladds in 1782: Noble, p. 293, Will ment. Constantine, Judith, Elizabeth, Joseph, Wm., Ed, Noble Ladd, Amos, grandson.

GRANVILLE COUNTY WILLS, 1765, had Wm. Williams, Elizabeth wife, Charles, Stephen, sons, Lucy Pittman, dau. In 1761 had Williams, Thos., Roger, Samuel, William, Philemon, sons.

WARREN COUNTY MARRIAGE BONDS, N.C. had James Moody m. Rebeccah Wilson 25 Jan. 1804; Wm. A. Moody m. Nancy H. Barner, 16 Dec. 1818, W.A.K. Falkener, wit. Also had Jesse Lad m. Polley Ovebury 22 Mar. 1832, wit. W.C. Harper, p. 172.

HENRY COUNTY, KENTUCKY, Marriages: John H. Ladd (father James) and Lucinda Moody.

KENTUCKY LAND GRANTS, by Jillson: Richard Dameron, 260 Bk. 18, p. 121, 5-18-1808, Floyd Co. Shelby Creek. (There are dozens of other Damron names in Pike County, Ky.) Information from Ruth Dorius.

NORTH CAROLINA, Orange County, Marriages: James S. Dameron and Keate E. Roberts, 14 July, 1860--Azariah Dameron. Ladd Edee and Wm. Glenn, 4 Jan. 1791, Const. Ladd, bondsman. Ladd, Soloman and Caroline C. Wilkins, 13 Oct. 1865--John Ladd.

ILLINOIS: Note from Julia Dameron Old: Miss Mabel Louise Keech, genealogist, of Evanston, Ill. sent me this line to see if I knew how to connect it with mine. I do not, but I will copy it for you as follows:

John W. Carter m. Mary Smith Dameron 10-21-1805. Children:

Henry Tapscott Carter m. Martha Emerson 2-10-1836, b. 3-18-1807, b. Nelson Co., Va.? Married in Albemarle County, Va. Died 8-10-1885.
Lucy b. 6-6-1809 m. Lewis Ferrell 9-25-1843. d. 3-19-1852.
Thomas E. m. Marthy Kidd 1-20-1834; b. 8-28-1811.
Elizabeth R. m. Alfred Willoughby 10-21-1831.
John W. m. Martha Cosby 10-16-1839.
Page Dameron m. Mary Anne Perry, date not given. b. 8-11-1824.

LOUISIANA: Note from Julia Dameron Old: "In Frank Yerby's novel, The Foxes of Harrow, it mentions in a paragraph 'invitations to the Damerons, the Nortons, the McGarghs, the Le Blancs, the Lascals, and the Sompayracs to dine.' The scene is laid in Louisiana and though purely fictional (poor), the names are probably of families who lived there." (Note: in a previous letter Mrs. Old had said that her grandfather said the Damerons of Louisiana were French Huguenots.)

NOTE ON MOSES DAMERON by Ruth Damron Dorius: "I think Moses married a Miss Thompson. There are too many Thompson first names or T. initials in the Damron census work I have done. I think that John T. in Illinois, also that Wilson Damron, were his cousins. Could Cynthia be daughter of Milton Ladd? Anna could have died along the way and John married her, as Milton probably travelled in the group with John. He settled in Vienna, too. There is a Henry Dameron in that Covington, Va. group. I think Henry comes from the Shultz name."

PART TWO: 7. NOTES ON THE DAMRONS IN N.C., ALABAMA, KENTUCKY, GEORGIA ETC. (INCLUDING TEXAS AND TENNESSEE).

TEXAS: I have a letter from Mrs. John Washington Dameron, 2500 Monroe Street, Commerce, Texas, asking for information on the Damerons. She said, "I have the family Bible giving dates of births and deaths but have notbeen able to find the Revolutionary record of my husband's ancestor. My husband's name is John Washington Dameron, his father was Tom Jefferson Dameron, and his father John Washington Dameron. My husband was a Mason. The Damerons in Elora, Tenn. are cousins of my husband. Elora is in Lincoln County, Tenn. I hope they write to you. The following is from the Dameron family Bible:

"John Washington Dameron, my husband, born Jan. 10, 1887, Elora, Tenn., died April 19, 1949. His father, Tom Jefferson Dameron, born Feb. 16, 1861, died Oct. 18, 1885, both at Elora, Tenn. He married Carrie Siaco Aug. 20, 1879. His father, John Washington Dameron, was born March 5, 1814, died 1896; married Elizabeth Metcalf (third wife) in 1856, died 1899.

"John Washington Dameron, born Jan. 10, 1887, Elora, Tenn. married Addie Lorine Buie, June 10, 1909. She was born Sept. 9, 1892, Gilmer, Texas. They had two children: Alarine Buie Dameron, born March 15, 1910, who married Everett Cecil Talbert, born July 9, 1906; and Christine Juadeen (?) Dameron, born May 28, 1915, Quinlan, Texas, married James Perry Miller at Quinlan, Texas, he being born March 19, 1910."

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TENNESSEE: I later received a letter from Mrs. A. O. Damron, Elora, Tenn. May 13, 1953, saying: "I am sending the birth dates and marriages of Arthur Odas Damron's family:

"Arthur Odas Damron was born Feb. 9, 1886. He married Ruby Lauetia Wakefield, born June 14, 1889, and they had one daughter, Thelma Louise Damron, born July 25, 1907, who married Aaron Locker Oct. 24, 1924, whowas born Sept. 7, 1898. Robert C. Wakefield was born June 22,1860, and Mary Emma Stovall Wakefield was born May 11, 1865.

"Charlie J. Damron, born Oct. 11, 1859. Anna Chattie Hamilton Damron.

"If you never found out who William Damron's father was--his name was John."

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MISSOURI: Mrs. John Dameron (Ninnie) of Huntsville, Missouri, wrote: "I am sorry that I can't give you any informtion on Joseph Dameron's father. Joseph isas far back as we can go. I don't have any more information than you have. You might write to Mrs. Harold McAllister, 734 West Coates, Moberly, Missouri, andsee if anyone went into the Colonial Daughters on Joseph's father. She is Regent of that chapter."

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WEST VIRGINIA: Annabel Walker wrote: "There is a John Damron on the 1810 census of Monroe County, West Virginia.

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KENTUCKY: She also wrote: "There are Kentucky Damrons along in Union County, Ill., Tenn. and Texas along with our Damrons and I do believe we will find some answers in Kentucky. I wrote to Floyd County, Ky., also to a Rediford Damron, Prof. of Education in Kentucky University. The County Clerk, Duran Moore, Prestonburg, Ky., said according to their records, they had listings for several marriages: Moses Damron, 1811, too young forour Moses; Richard Dameron 181 John Damron, 1821, not ours, and Lazarus, 1821. I think he was Rediford'sancestor.

KENTUCKY: Maxim Coppage sent the following: James S. Dameron of Adair County;, Ky, 60, 1860, Va. m. Sarah A. _____, children: Elzey, 33, Sanderson, 31, John S., 25, George M. 22, Elizabeth, 19, Judith Winnefred, 89, Ky? Mother?

Samuel Dameron, 51, 1850, b. N.C. m. Nancy, children: Wilson M. 22, Elzy, 20, Lucy A. 18, Sanderson, 16, Mary, 15, Judith, 14, John, 11, Sarah A., 9, Nancy J., 8, Samuel, Jr. 7, Anne, 5, Martha S. 4, George 3.

Campbell County, Ky. Thomas L. Dameron, 1, in 1863, aged 35 years.

MISSISSIPPI, DeSoto County, 1860, James O. Dameron, 55, Arkabutta. Children all born in Virginia: Harriett, 20; Mary 18, Nancy, 13, Martha, 9, William A. 25.

NORTH CAROLINA: Sent by Mariam Damron Cropper: From North Carolina Marriages:

Fredrick Shuts md. Sally Hess 4 Dec. 1804.
Louisa Shults and James Brendel 8 Apr. 1841.
A.E. Shultz (bride) and Alex C. Blum, 15 May 1843.
Ana Maria--Anna Susanna--Carolina--Dorthea M., Louisa, Jacob, August Henry, Edmond I, John Henry, John J. md. Rebecca Crews. (Familiar names with those in Tenn. I'm sure this is our family. John R. said he was born N.C. and this is a good spot tofind it.

Grantors: Surry County, Deed Book 1771-1800: Moses Dannon, Hugh Dannon, Denrom and wife, H. Danmore, John Durham (?) Bk. D. p. 111, Denurm from Rogers, Hugh Dennum from David, Fred Danner from Constant Wilson (Mariam also lists the usual Ladds).

A. M'Gill born Scotland, residence 56 years Fayettesville, Cumberland County, N.C. Age 90 years in 1798.

Ash County, 1800, N.C. Moody: Thomas over 45, James, Thomas, Edward, John, and George, all under 45 years.

History of North Carolina, Cemeteries, Bethania, N.C. (sent by Ruth Dorius):

Anna Margaret Sholtz born 2-14-1761, died 8-23-1841.
Eliz. Shultz 7-30-1779 born.
George Shutz born 12-3-1730, died 9-9-1789.) Parents
Maria Schulz born 4-21-1744, died 9-9-1789, same day as her husband.) of John
Johannes Schultze born 7-5-1703, died 7-11-1788. (Grandfather.) R. "
John Henry Shutz 8-12-1775, died 11-18-1847.

SURRY COUNTY, N.C. TAX LIST 1771: Hugh Dannon, John Damron, Noble Lad, Emus Ladd, Noble Ladd Jr. George Schultz. 1772: Hugh Danium, Noble Sr., Jr. Amos, Const. John Darum, 100 acres on Dead Creek, 1 horse, 3 cattle, total 59. (John and Noble Jr. had about the same number of children in 1790 so must be same age. I think this is our John.)

"Old Father J. Christian Shultz had son Geo. (wife Maria)"--Fries History of N.C., Christian Schutze--wife Ann Dorothea in Salisbury township, Dec. 1754, Penn.

KENTUCKY: Marriages, Lincoln County: Susannah Damron and John Peter Boudurant, Sept. 28, 1797. Mercer County, Ky., S.R. Demaree and Nancy McCormack Mar. 21, 1806. (Constantine m. a McCormack--could this be our Solomon?) Christian County, Ky. Jos. Kuykendall 1797 (mentioned in John Damron's will.)

TENNESSEE: Weakley County, Deeds, 1827-33: Schultz: Charles M., David, Jacob, and John M. McLain (Lane-Lean): Charles S., Charles T., Charles Senior, Christian, and John. Damron: Charles, George, John, John T., Moses, and Wm.

ILLINOIS: Johnson County, 1820: Milton Ladd 2 over 21 years, 2 under 21 (males), 2 under 21, 1 over 21 (females). (Mariam found his marriage in Wilkes County, N.C., in 1811. Married to Mary Reynolds, dau. of Joshua. I think this is his second marriage. Will check the 1810 census of Wilkes Co. soon.)

Johnson County, Ill. 1830: James Addleton, 1 under 5, 1 male 30-40, 1 female 20-30 age group. (I believe Hulda who m. Addleton, followed the folks into Texas.)

Tignors born N.C., James, age 56, Williamson County, Ill. 1850, also--Jacob Moody 38 b. N.C., wife Susannah, N.C.--Abner, Martin, Margt. A., Mary M. (born in Tenn.)

Franklin County, Ill: 1818-1820 census: Shoults, Susannah; Shultz, John R., Jacob and Charles.

VIRGINIA: Annals of Southwest Virginia, Sumners, Washington County, 1769-1800. Will Book 1, page 40. Wm. Dorton--his wife Eliz. and to children: Wm., Moses, Edward, and Sally. Witnesses: John Damron and Wm. Dorton Jr. Date of will and probate not stated, but between two other wills dated Feb. and March 1780. (This was indexed for page 1345 but I found it on page 1344.) Families in Washington County, 1780: McCormack, Lathins, Gills, Rogers, Thompsons and Morris--all very familiar.

Washington County, Va.: Moses Dameral 80 acres, Washington Co. 1786, on Gravely Lick Branch. Also Washington County, H.C. Dameron, minister of M.P. Church, 1881.

Boutetourt County; Virginia: Jos. Damrel apptd. constable in Capt.Pryor's Company of Militia.

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BLEDSOE FAMILY: I received a letter from Robert C. Siegfried, 2360 Staples Mill Road, Richmond 28, Va. in which he said: "For some time I have been looking for proof that George Bledsoe had a daughter, or daughters, and this seems to be it. I also find that the William Bledsoe named in his will could not be the same William who died in Culpeper County, Va. in 1769, which bears out a contention I have made that we had a lost generation in our charts.

"The names Capt. Thomas Walker and Capt. Harry Dudley sound so familiar I am sure that I have run across both of them somewhere in my research. I have tried to trace all the various branches of my own family and as your research has no doubt shown you this is quite an undertaking. In my notes (which cover several hundred pages of typed matter) there are these two names. It is just going to be a question of my sitting down and scanning through the whole thing until I find them. It seems to me Dudley was in charge of a company from either Caroline or Orange Counties, Virginia. I rather think it was Orange. Many of the Northern Neck people began to move into Orange in the mid 1700's and for this reason were found there during the Revolution. Soon after the war they moved on to Georgia Kentucky, or other areas where free land was given for service. A Captain Walker was in command of troops from Albemarle County, but whether this was Thomas Walker or not I don't remember. It seems to me he was a son of Dr. Walker (who was a Colonel) of Keswick, Albemarle.

"I am sorry that I can be of no help at present on the children of Thomas and Sarah Dameron. I intend to look into this at my earliest opportunity."

THE DAMERON FAMILY OF LINCOLN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

I have made up a tentative chart on the Damerons of Lincdn County, Tennessee, which may not be correct as to the connection with the Halifax County family of N.C. but appears to be inasmuch as it fits here and not anywhere else in the genealogy which I have available. Proof would have to be searched out. From the fact that the two brothers each names sons James, William and John, these names are important, and also John seems to be the common one, for John and Joseph both used it, which means having a John Jr. and cousin at the same time, implying a common ancestor of the name John, I should say. John Dameron of Halifax, N.C. had a son John and one Joseph. (For this family see Page 36, Part I, with notes on the Tignors.) There is no Revolutionary record for either John or Joseph of Halifax, as Mrs. Pearce has searched N.C. carefully for the record of any John or Joseph and found none, while looking for our own ancestor Capt. John Damron b. 1757.

The Nancy who was dau. of Joseph Dameron and Elizabeth Waddy was under 18 at the time of his will, 1759 (see Part I, p. 34) which indicates that he died as a young man with only one child, as he left bequests to his brother's and mentions his own father's legacy to him etc. This eliminates above Nancy as being of an older generation than the Nancy of Lincoln County, Tennessee. We have also William who m. Nancy in Stephens' Parish, Northumberland (son of William Will 1821), and had a son William b. 1792. He would be too young to have dau. Nancy around 1800 and we do not know that he ever went to N.C. Itmight be proved he stayed in Northumberland as there were a number of Williams there. We have a letter from William J. Damron of Progress, Union County, Illinois, around 1917, saying to John Cebren Damron: "Am quite sure that we are relatives. The original family of Damrons came from North Carolina, just how long ago I do not know. I think about the year 1808 a part of the family moved to in or about Johnson Co. and about the same time one family of the Damrons moved to about the central part of Ill., and about the year 1826 moved to Union County, an there has been some of the Damron family in and about Union Co. (lived) 80 or 90 yrs. A few yrs. ago a fam;ily of Damron lived in Vienna, Johnson Co., and my folks told me that we were relations... So as I figure out the matter I am of that part of the Damron family that moved from Tennessee several years ago to the central part of Ill. My father's name was Jasper W. Damron. He had an uncle name of Jefferson, George,W., and David. Also he had a great-uncle by the name of Jefferson, all of which are dead." (See page 11-b, Part III.)

The other possibility for ancestry would be the John Damron m. Molly Hardy in Boutetort County, Va. 22 Mar. 1796, sec. Thomas Hardy, minister Edward Mitchell. Here also we found Joseph Damerell (Damron) member of the militia, Capt. Pryor's company, 1783, on James River. (See p. 39, Part Two. There was also a Joseph D. in Green County, Tenn. (formerly N.C.) and one in Monroe County, W.Va. named John,1810. Sumners Annals of Southwest Virginia has in Washington County, Va. the will of John Dorton 1780, with John Damron as witness. Here also was Moses Dameral in 1786 on Gravely Lick Branch, and H.C. Dameron, M.P. minister 1881, etc. (See p. 45-c Part Two). P. 40, Part Two, says Joseph Damron was given a military grant in Green County, Tenn. 1789, so he must have been a revolutionary soldier. See the section on the discussion of the ancestry of John Damron b. 1757 in Part Three for the John Damrons found in the record, appendices to Part Three. The complete history of the ancestry of John Damron of Halifax, N.C. is given in Part One.

Letters from Mrs. John Washington Dameron, 2500 Monroe Street, Commerce, Texas, and Mrs. Arthur Odas Damron, Elora, Tenn., in Lincoln County, are on p. 45-a, Part Two, from which the information on these families was taken.

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON and wife Dorothy, who lived in Northumberland Co., Va.

II. BARTHOLOMEW, Will 1708, prob. married Elizabeth, dau. Christppher Garlington.

III. JOHN, Will, 1743, m. Elizabeth, d. of Thomas Taylor, and had ch. Bartholomew whose descendants moved to Kentucky and Missouri; his will dated 1807; Joseph m. Elizabeth Waddy, had dau. Nancy; Thomas, Will 1766, sons Jo., Lazarus, Moses, Thomas, Aron, the latter three probably went to Lancaster County, Va.; and John.

IV. JOHN, Will 1777, in Halifax County, N.C. m. Sarah or Sukey Tignor, and children were: Christopher, heir, Sarah, Betty m. Williams, Judith, Tignor, a Revolutionary soldier who sold land in 1789 in Halifax County, N.C., John and Joseph. Joseph m. a Haynie, thought to be Elizabeth, and had six children, John, James, William, Sarah m. Hodge, Catherine m. Coffman, and Nancy m. Elisha Powers. Nancy was b. about 1800 and had five children. (See the section by Aurelia Jewell in the Appendices for the descendants of Joseph, brother of John. Her address is 1402 North Greenbrier Street,Arlington, Va.)

V. JOHN DAMERON, probably son of John of Halifax County, Va. Will 1777. He had a brother Joseph. The records of Mrs. Jewell say: "Joseph Dameron, husband of Elizabeth (?) Haynie, had a brother named John, who was very wealthy; lived in Lincoln County, Tennessee, about six miles from Salem. His sons were James, William and Washington; daughters, Sarah (Mrs. Horton), Celia Polly and Hannah Jane." The 1820 Census, first on record here, of Lincoln County, Tenn. has Eliz. Dameron, John Damrel over 45 with 3 males, 4 under 45, and 4 females. Eliz. Damrel had 1 male over 45, 2 females over 45. Also in Lincoln County we find Joseph and Mark Whitaker and Benj. and John I. Whitaker, Edw. Sanderson, Sam'l Thompson, Wilsons etc. (Damarel or Damrel is one spelling of Dameron, and was almost always used by the Lazarus Dameron branch, for example.) Children of John were the following. (The Elizabeth on the densus was head of a family, hence not the wife of John. Might be the wife of his brother Joseph, of course, indicating she was then a widow.)

1. John Washington Dameron b. March 5, 1814, died 1896. He married as his third wife Elizabeth Metcalf in 1856, died 1899, according to Mrs. John Washington Dameron of Commerce, Texas. Children:

(1.) Tom Jefferson Dameron b. Feb. 16, 1861, died Oct. 18, 1885, both events taking place in Elora, Tenn., Lincoln County. He married Carrie Siaco Aug. 20, 1879. One son was John Washington Damron.

(2) Son, who was father of Arthur Odas, perhaps Charlie J. Damron.

Arthur Odas Dameron b. Feb. 9, 1886. He married Ruby Lauetia Wakefield, born June 14, 1889 (who sent this information) and they had on e daughter, Thelma Louise, b. July 25, 1907, who married Aaron Locker Oct. 24, 1924, who was born Sept. 7,1898. Robert C. Wakefield was born June 22, 1860, and Mary Emma Stovall Wakefield was born May 11, 1865. Residence, Elora, Tenn. Mrs. A.O. Damron also said: "Charlie J. Damron, born Oct. 11, 1859. Anna Chattie Hamilton Damron. If you never found out who William Damron's father was--his name was John." It is possible this Charles was the father of Arthur Odas who was the "cousin" of John Washington Dameron of Commerce, Texas, but they did not say in which degree.

John Washington Dameron, son of Tom Jefferson, was b. Jan. 10, 1887 in Elora, Tenn., and died April 19, 1949. He m. Addie Lorine Buie June 10, 1909, b. Sept. 9, 1892, in Gilmer, Texas. They had two children: Alarihe Buie b. Mar. 15, 1910, who m. Everett Cecil Talbert, b. July 9, 1906; and Christine Juadeen b. May 28, 1915, Quinlan, Tex. m. James Perry Miller b. Mar. 19, 1910.

(2.) David Dameron, son of John Washington Dameron b. 1814. (We find a David Dameron in Franklin County, Ill. 1830 census with males 1, females 2.) In 1870 in Union County, Ill. there were Jefferson K., David and Wm. Dameron with families b. in Ky. and Tenn. Later note from Ruth Damron Dorius says: "That early Union Co., Ill. census I sent you had J.W. Damron instead of a Wm. This is Jasper W., along with Jefferson, David, etc. No doubt, they descend from that John in Lincoln County, Tenn. of 1820 census, not our John."

(3.) George W. Dameron. (I could not tell from the letter whether this was an initial "W." or whether it was another brother named "W.")

(4.) _____, name unknown, grandfather of W. M. Dameron, who wrote as follows from Progress, Union County, Illinois, about 1917. "My father's name was Jasper W. Damron. He had an uncle name of Jefferson, George, W., and David. Also he had a great-uncle by the name of Jefferson."

Jasper W. Dameron, moved from Tennessee to Union County, Ill., about 1826, the family having moved about 1808 to central part of Ill., originally, probably, with another branch, which may have been in Johnson County, Ill. In 1870 census Jefferson, David etc. were in Union County with Jasper W. One Jefferson must have been the brother of John Washington Dameron b. 1814.

2. SARAH DAMERON, daughter of John Dameron of Lincoln County, Tenn. She m. _____ Horton. She would be the sister of John Washington Dameron b. 1814.

3. CELIA POLLY, also a daughter.

4. HANNAH JANE, another daughter.

5. JAMES, son of John and brother of John Washington b. 1814.

6. WILLIAM, another son. This must be the William Damron b. Feb. 25, 1817, d. Feb. 16, 1911, near Shelbyville, who apparently had a son Tom Damron, May 27, 1855, d. May 2, 1909. Mariam Cropper found these names in a cemetery called Coleman, located 7 miles from Shelbyville, Tenn. on the farm of J.L. Walder, Bedford County (See Tenn. Bible, Cemetery and Family Records, p. 41, Part Two of this mss.) Other names found were: Bettie Damron March 1, 1858, 19 June 1916, "Our Loved One Has Gone." Lizzie Damron, Aug. 21, 1885, Nov. 16, 1908. Hattie R., daughter of J.T. and M.B. Damron, Apr. 28, 1879, May 11, 1879. Pleasant R., son of J.T. and M.B. Damron, Jan. 8, 1878, May 11, 1878.

Notes: A James Tignor b. N.C., was age 56 in Williamson County, Ill. 1850, census. John T. Dameron (with one male over 100 yrs old) was in Weakley County, Tenn. 1830 census with Samuel, John Jr., Constantine L., Moses, Charles. (Constantine L. is the son of John Damron b. 1757, our ancestor. In 1850 there was also an E. Dameron age 45 b. Ky., and G. Damron b. Ky. age 42. In Williamson County, Ill. 1840 census were John T. Damron with 6 males and a John Damron age 14, b. in Ill. in home of John Bickers. The 1850 Williamson County census had Mary Dameron b. Tenn. age 46, with Charles 17 b. Ill. Susan 12, Nancy 9, John 5, all b. Ill.

CHART SHOWING THE DAMERON FAMILY OF LINCOLN COUNTY, TENNESSEE,
With probable ancestry through John Dameron of North Carolina

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who had a land grant in Northumberland County, Va., 1652, m. Dorothy, surname unknown, and had children: Bartholomew, eldest, George, Thomas, Samuel, Lawrence, Jr., and Dorothy who m. Josias Gaskins (Gascoyne) and Samuel Mahan.

II. BARTHOLOMEW, Will 1708, Northumberland, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Christopher Garlington, probably (?), children: Bartholomew, Christopher, Lawrence, of St. Stephens' Parish, Josiah, of St. Stephens, Eliza, Mary, Sarah, youngest, John.

III. JOHN, Will 1743, of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland, m. 1728, Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Taylor, her will 1775; she m. 2d George Flowers. They had four children:

BARTHOLOMEW, Will 1807, m. Mary Waddy (?)
:
1. Elizabeth W. m. Rev. Lewis Lunsford and Elisha Carter, moved to Ky. and Missouri

JOSEPH, Will, 1759, m. Elizabeth Waddy, Will mentions one child only named Nancy

THOMAS, Will 1766, of Wicomico, mentions sons Jo., Lazarus, Moses, Thomas Aron

JOHN, Will 1777, in Halifax, N.C., m. Sarah or Sukey Tignor, children:
Christopher, heir
Sarah
Betty m. Williams
Judith
Tignor, Rev. Soldier, sold land 1789, Halifax Co., N.C. also two sons, John and Joseph (below)
:

2. Also Bartholo. of Northumberland,
3. and Thomas m. Nancy Ann Ball, moved to Ky. 1810, Bourbon County

JOHN (son of John Will 1777, N.C.)? He was of Lincoln Co., Tenn., near Salem; was in 1820 Census with Elizabeth Dameron
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JOSEPH, m. Haynie (Elizabeth?), six children:
JOHN
JAMES
WILLIAM
SARAH m. Hodge
CATHERINE M. Coffman and NANCY m. Elisha Powers. She b. ca. 1800; had 5 ch.
:

SARAH JAMES m. Horton

WILLIAM 1817-1911, near Shelbyville, Tenn.?
:

JOHN WASHINGTON b. 1814, m. as 3d wife Elizabeth Metcalf
:

CELIA HANNAH POLLY JANE

GEORGE W. DAVID

TOM JEFFERSON, (?) b. 1861, Elora, Tenn., Lincoln County, m. Carrie Siaco
:
JOHN WASHINGTON, b. 1887 at Elora, Tenn., m. Addie Lorine Buie, res. Commerce, Texas.

:
JASPER W., moved from Tennessee to Illinois
:
WILLIAM J. of Progress, Union County, Ill. 1917

1. JAMES m. Ellen Grandon, had ch. Mary, George, James Lyman. Of New Orleans, La.
2. CATHERINE m. John Fletcher, had 10 ch. in Vicksburg, Miss. Galveston, Texas, Memphis, Tenn.
3. FRANCES m. George Clarke, ch. Edmond, George Washington, Elisha.
4. NANCY m. Robert R. Williams, ch. Laura m. Brown, res. Memphis, Tenn.; Frances m. Fletcher, res. Vicksburg, Miss., Eliza m. Stout; Catherine m. Harris, res. Austin, Texas.
5. JANE m. John M. Jewell

(Note: Arthur Odas Damron of Elora, Tenn. was cousin to above John Washington Damron. He was b. Feb. 9, 1886, m. Ruby Lauetia Wakefield, b. June 14, 1889. Charlie J. Damron b. Oct. 11, 1859 may be his father.)

PART TWO:

NOTES ON THE DAMERON FAMILY, BY AURELIA M. JEWELL

The following notes were sent to me by Mrs. Walter Towner Jewell, 1402 North Greenbrier Street, Arlington 5, Virginia, who wrote: "My husband is a direct descendant of Lawrence Dameron of Northumberland County, Virginia, and I have copied any and all data I could find for several years. Have worked on the family lines when other genealogical work was light. My husband's great-grandmother was Nancy Dameron b. about 1800 probably Lincoln County, Tenn. and m. Elisha Powers. Her father was Joseph Dameron, who m. Elizabeth Haynie. I do not have dates but do have names of Children. Joseph Dameron had a wealthy brother John who lived six miles from Salem in Lincoln County, Tenn. I have names of his children but not his wife or any dates. This information is a hand me down in the family and right now I have it. I think that Joseph and John were some of the family that emigrated from Virginia to North Carolina and then to Tennessee. I have a lot of Virginia data, which I will be glad to share with you, if a Dameron-Damron genealogy is to be printed.

"Mr. Holz did not answer my last letter. He might not be living. I believe the chart he mentioned at DAR which was in error has been withdrawn. Nowas to tradition in the family. They were supposed to be connected with the Balls and Dandridges, but like most other family traditions, are probably nothing but wishful thinking. Of course, there would be Ball connections but so far back. I have found several books on the Haney-Haynie families. The most complete one is on the Penna. line. There was another Dameron-Haynie marriage too. The family of Joseph Dameron lived in Memphis, Tenn., at least Nancy and Elisha Powers were probably married there, and that's where their children are supposed to have been born. The Lincoln County, Tenn. records are pretty well copied and in DAR library. I have found little. Lincoln County was formed from Bedford in 1809, Bedford from Rutherford in 1807, etc., one would have to look in Davidson County records to get the early ones. The John Damron of Texas must be descended from John of Lincoln County. He had a son William as you will note. However, Joseph did too. They also each had a son James. Maybe you can figure something out."

JOSEPH DAMERON AND ELIZABETH HAYNIE OF LINCOLN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

The envelope containing this data, dated Sept. 3, 1904, Vicksburg, Miss.

Joseph Dameron married a Miss Haney (Haynie), Christian name supposed to be Elizabeth. Their children: Nancy, John, James, William, Sarah (Mrs. Hodge), Catherine (Mrs. Coffman or Kaufman or Koffman, there is doubt about the correct spelling of the name.

Nancy married Elisha Powers (nothing further known of the sons): Children of Nancy and Elisha Powers: James, Catherine, Frances, Nancy and Jane.

James married a Miss Ellen Grandon of New York.
Catherine married John Fletcher.
Frances married George Clarke.
Nancy married Robert R. Williams.
Jane married John M. Jewell.

(1) RECORDS OF THE CENSUS BUREAU AND TAX LISTS

I went to the Census Bureau in Washington, D.C. in the National Archives, and checked the records for Dameron, Ladd and Moody in the following counties:

VIRGINIA

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, 1790:

Bartholomew	Mary
George	Mary
Jesse	Roger
Thomas, p 74	William
Onesepherous, 74	
Thomas	Mary
Bartholomew	Morris

CENSUS OF 1810:

Robert, p. 4	Betsey
Charles	George (Dawson?)
Thomas	Christopher
Samuel	Luke
Joshua	Mary
Mary	Samuel, Jr.

LANCASTER COUNTY, 1790:

John, William, Dennis, Samuel
Rachel, p. 91 (also 1782-5)
Thomas, Moses (also 1782-5)
Aaron (also 1782-5)

BRUNSWICK COUNTY, 1810:

Alexander, 3-1-11 slaves

1840: William Dameron, 306

AMELIA COUNTY: 1790.

Joseph Dameron, p. 13.

1840:

Pleasant Gill	John M. Saddler
Richerson B. Noble	Wm. H. Saddler
Parham Noble	Worsham Foster
James Gills	Auston Noble

AMHERST COUNTY, 1840:

Mary E. Dameron, p. 219, 1 under 10, 2 under 15 (males), Drury C. Dameron, 239

HANOVER COUNTY, 1810:

Thomas Tignor, p. 64
Sarah Ball (Bell?)

NEW KENT COUNTY, 1790:

William Ladd, 7 white males, 3 black

1810: Nothing to be found, but John and James Ladd

MECKLENBURG COUNTY, 1790:

Jacob Ladd (all four also on 1782 Tax list)
James "
Urcilla, p. 34
William, p. 33

FLUVANNA COUNTY: 1790:

John Ladd, 2 white, 1 black, males (also in 1782-5)
Jehosaphatt Ladd, 4 males over 16, no blacks

FAIRFAX COUNTY, 1790:

Thomas Ladd

Nothing found in the following:

CHARLES CITY COUNTY, 1810
BUCKINGHAM COUNTY, 1810
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, 1800 missing
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, 1810
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, 1830 - 1840
MONROE COUNTY, 1810
PRINCE GEORGE, 1820
WASHINGTON, 1820
ALBEMARLE, 1850

WESTMORELAND COUNTY, VA. William Damron on 1782 Tax List.

NELSON COUNTY, 1810:

Charles
William (F.?)

The 1790 Census index lists the following Ladds which I did not check: Henry, 44
Henry, 50
Henry Jr. 50
Isaac, 30
Isaiah (Norfolk), 94
John, 19
Thomas 86
William, 75, 85

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NORTH CAROLINA 1790 CENSUS:

Onesephrous Dameron, living in Virginia, 0-0-0, and 8 other free persons, p.27

Thomas Dameron, 1 male over 16, p. 27

Both above items in Pasquotank Co., N.C. Edenton District.

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CASWELL CO., N.C. 1790 CENSUS
Joseph Dameron
Christopher Dameron (Richmond Dist.) 81
Jos. and Jos. 79

NORTH CAROLINA CENSUS

1800 Bertie County, nothing
1810 BertieCounty, William Gill, p 43
1800 Franklin County, nothing
1850 Rowan County, nothing
1810 Pasquotank, nothing
1810 Granville, nothing (checked carefully)
1800 Surry, nothing
1800 Warren, nothing
1820 Lincoln County:

G. Dameron 2-1-3--1-3-1-2
J. Dameron 1-2--21-1-3
(Mrs. Mary Houston is next on the list)

STOKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

1790 CENSUS (no Damerons), SALISBURY DIST.

Joseph Ladd, 1-1-4, 2 slaves (or one free male over 16, one under, four free white females
Judath Ladd, 3 females, 2 slaves
William Ladd, 2 males over 16, 4 under 16, 5 free white females, no slaves
James Moore is next to him with 1 male, none under 16, 1 female, no slaves
Constant Ladd is next with 1 free white male over 16, 1 under 16, 2 free white females, no slaves
William Gill 2-2-2 no slaves
Thomas Gill, 1 male, none under 16, 4 females, no slaves
Noble Ladd, 1 male over 16, 4 under 16, 3 females, 1 slave

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, HALIFAX DISTRICT, 1790

Thomas Ladd (in index but I could not find the reference)

STOKES COUNTY, N.C. 1800 CENSUS

Noble Ladd, 2 males over 16, 3-122-1--1 p. 561
Constantine Ladd, p. 562
John Ladd 2--1-2-2-1-1-
Thomas Moody 1-1----1---, p. 562
(This is the Thomas Moody whose grandsons married two Damerons.)
CASWELL COUNTY, NC.1800, Geo. Dameron 1-1-4
CRAVEN, 1800: Wm. John Tignor, John Gill,p.244.

TEXAS, 1850 CENSUS

HENDERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

John Damron, age 59, farmer,born Va. value of real estate $640
Sarah Damron, age 51, wife, born Ky.
George W. Damron, age 20, b. Tenn.
William W. Damron, age 17, b. Tenn.
Sarah M., age 14, b.Missouri
Cintha Elizabeth, age 12, b. Missouri
Joseph W. age 9, b. Missouri

ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, Navarro District, taken 21 Oct.

Joshua Brock, age 40, farmer, b.Ky. (has 1 person over 20 who cannot read nor write)
Susanna Brock, age 32, b. Tenn.
Joseph F. Brock, age 13, b. Missouri
Spencer P. Brock, age 11, b. Mo.
John R. Brock, age 8, b. Mo.
Elisha Brock, age 2, b. Texas
(Above was the daughter Susannah Damron who m. Joshua Brock)

TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS. (Nothing.)

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ALABAMA STATE, 1850 CENSUS

Edmond Ladd (or Todd?) No. 226, age 39, farmer, Va. $500, b. Tenn.
Malinda, wife, b. Tenn. age 28
Nancy age 2, b. Ala.
Sarah Ladd (or Todd?) age 57, b. Georgia

GEORGIA, 1840 CENSUS, OGLETHORPE COUNTY, no Dameron nor Ladds noted, but found John W. Moody, p. 108

KENTUCKY, 1820 CENSUS, ADAIR COUNTY:

Richard Shultz
John McLain

(Note: Lawrence Guthrie, Box 156, Rte. 1, College Park, Maryland, for $1.50 per hour, searches Census etc.)

DAMERON-DAMRON AND LADD ITEMS FROM THE
UNITED STATES CENSUS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

The following research was done by Ruth Damron Dorius in the Census Bureau:

VIRGINIA:

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY:
1782 Thomas Dameron, Aaron, Barth', Elizabeth, George, Jesse, Mary, Mary, Moses (Lancaster), Onesiphorus, William, Winifred
1784: Dameron, Mary, Bartholomew, Morres, Roger.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY, 1782: Ladd, Jacob, James, Jehosaphat, John, Urcilla, Wm.

LEE COUNTY, VA.: 1810: Dameron, Oliver, Robert, Charles, Thomas, Samuel,Sr., Joshmer, Mary, Betsey, Christopher, Luke, William, Thomas.

ALBEMARLE COUNTY, 1860: Dameron, James M., 40 yrs. carpenter, $3,000, born Virginia; Lucy, 40 yrs., Sally, Emma, Jacyntha, Mikel, and Wm.F., all born in Virginia.

NORTH CAROLINA CENSUS:

1820, ROWAN COUNTY. Thompson, Widaco, Wm.,Alfred.

1800, HALIFAX COUNTY: Dameron , Tigner; Dawson, Sarah, Eliz. Solomon, David, Sarah (Pasquotank County); Dameron, Thomas 45 yr. or over (Caswell Co.):Dameron, George, Joseph, Barthol, Christopher, John and James. Jr.

ARKANSAS:

Washington Co. 1850: Dameron, Wm., 33 farmer, b. Ill; Susan, 26, b. Tenn.; Henry 7, b. Ark.; Wm. 1/2 b. Ark.

Yell County: Ladd,Miles, 43, farmer, b. Indiana; Rachel 40; Hester 16 (idiot), Ark.; Richard 15, Ark; Joseph 13, John 12, Amos 7, Susan 2, Eliz, 1.

TENNESSEE:

WEAKLEY COUNTY: 1830, Dameron: John T., 20-30 yr. (one male over 100), Samuel, 20-30; John Jr. 30-40; Constantine L. 20-30; Moses, 20-30; Charles 30-40.

1850: Dameron, E. 45 yr. farmer, b. Ky.; Emily 42, b. Tenn.;John b. Tenn.; Thompson b. Ill.; Nelson , b. Tenn.; Matilda b. Tenn;Mahala, b. Tenn.; Sarah, b. Tenn., Milton b. Tenn;William, b. Tenn.; Charles b. Tenn.

Damron, G.: 42, b. Ky.; Delila 38, b. Tenn., James, John, George, Mary, Charles, Monroe, Eliz., Eliza (all b. Tenn.)

KENTUCKY: 1820, Damron, ADAIR COUNTY: Joseph, 2 males, 5 females; John, George, Robert. Shultz, John 35-45 group or over (our John would be 51 then), 5 males and 2 females. Damron, 1830John 30-40 (9 males and 2 females), George 30-40; Joseph 30-40; Samuel 30-40 (one female here 60-70 hrs.) b. about 1761?

1850: Dameron, 57, Samuel, farmer $50; b. N.C., Nancy 44, b. Ky. (child:) Wilson, N. 22, Elzey, Lucy A. Sanderson, Mary, Judith, John, Sarah A.,Nancy J., Samuel, Ann E., Martha S., and George.

Damron: John S. 60 yrs (1799), b. Va., Sarah A. 55, b. Va., Elizabeth 19, b. Ky., Judith Winnefred 89 yrs. b. Va.

(Note: seems to me the Damron-Shultz trail was across Ky. and to Western territory of Tenn.)

DAMERON-DAMRON AND LADD ITEMS FROM THE UNITED STATES CENSUS

The following research was done by Ruth Damron Dorius in Washington, D.C.:

ILLINOIS:

FRANKLIN COUNTY: 1830, Damron, William, males 3, females 4; John, males 3, females 3; Noble, males 3, females 4; David, males 1, females 2.

JOHNSON COUNTY: 1840: Ladd, Mary, males 3, females 3 (oldest 50-60 years); Gill, Stephen, males 4, females 2 (Williamson County)

WILLIAMSON COUNTY: Damron, John T. males 6, females 2; (also John Damron 14 b. Ill. in home of John Bickers).

(Note: I also looked up Union County, but forgot to note it down. There was a Jefferson K., David, and a Wm. with families there 1870. b. in Ky. and Tenn.

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TEXAS:

1850 HENDERSON COUNTY: Damron, John, 59, $640, farmer, b. Virginia; Sarah 51, b. Ky. Geo. W. 20, b. Tenn. Wm. W. b. Tenn.; Sarah M. 14, b. Mo.; Cynthia E. 12, b. Mo.; Joseph Warren 9, b. Mo.; John R. Shultz, 81, b. N.C.

Damron, John S. 32, $640, b. Tenn.; Sally, b. Ind.; Nathaniel C., b. Texas; Laury L. b. Texas;

1870, BELL COUNTY: Damron, J.N., 49, farmer $3,000; b. Ky; Berrilla, 43, b. Ky.; Sarah 23 b. Ky., Julia 21, b. Ky; Amarilla 14, b. Texas; Richard 9, b. Texas, Abigale 8, Anna 4.

Damron: Henry 25 b. Kentucky, America 21, b. Ark; Virginia 2, b. Tex., Berrilla, 1 b. Texas.

Damron, M.W. 46, farmer $5,000, b. Tenn; Sarah (Pennington), 38, b. Mo., Eliza 14, b. Tex.; Martha 10, b. Texas.

Annabel Walker sent the following received from Archivist Margaret Norton, Illinois State Library, Springfield, Ill.

ILLINOIS: WILLIAMSON COUNTY, 1850 Federal Census, page 230-B, Lines 18-22.

Damern,	Mary	age 46	born	Tenn.
"	Charles	17	"	Ill.
"	Susan	12,		"
"	Nancy	9		"
"	John	5		"

1840 Federal Census, page 408, line 27:

Damron, John T.Males under 5 (1), Females under 5 (2); females 30-40, (1), Males 10-15 (2); Males 30-40 (1).

FRANKLIN COUNTY, ILL. 1830, FEDERAL CENSUS, page 99, line 4:

Damern,William: Males 5-10 (2), males 40-50 (1), females under 5 (3), females 10-15 (1), females 20-30 (1).

Page 113, line 17: Damron, John, males 5-10 (1), Noah?, males 30-40 (1), Moses?, males 70-80 (1) John Sr., females 10-15 (2) and 50-60 (1), Malissa and Elvira?

Page 113, Line 17: Damren, Noble, males under 5 (2), males 30-40 (1), Noble? Females under 5 (2), females 5-10 (1); females 20-30 (1).

Territorial Census, 1818, Franklin Co. Little Salene, p. 26:

Damern, John, Sr. males over 21 (2); all other whites (9)
Damren, John, Jr. Free whites over 21 (1); all other whites, (4)

1820 State Census, Franklin Co. page 55:

Damron, Charles, Free whites over 21 (1); all other whites (4).

"You will notice the name of Damron was spelt different. I wrote it as it was sent to me. Moses and Constantine were in Cape Girardeau Co., Missouri. It was after 1830. Ruth found Hulda Majors Damron married to James Addleton in Johnson Co. in 1830."

Ruth Dorius also sent the item in the 1880 Census, Johnson County, Ill. (New Burnside): "Elvira Whiteker, 64 yrs., widow, houskeeper (has rheumatism), born Ill. Father b. N.C., Mother, b. N.C."

Ruth also sent the 1850 Census of Adair County, Ky: Robert W. Damron, age 23, farmer, born Ky., Amanda W. 21, b. Ky., Elizabeth V. 16, b. Ky., George M. 22, b. Ky. Also John S. Damron, age 60, b. Va., Sarah A. 55, b. Va., Elizabeth, 19, b. Ky., Judith Winneford, 89, b. Va. (I believe we have this old lady's application for pension, where this John Damron says he knew her in Albemarle County, Va.)

UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU RECORDS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

TENNESSEE:

Rutherford County, 1810 (only early record to be saved)

Sam'l Richardson to 45, Dennis Kelly, 45, Arthur and James Pearce over 45 yrs. Rogers and Wilsons here. John Crawford to 45, wife and 4. Lazarus Crawford over 45, wife (no), 3 children.
Robert Thompson, James Berty to 45, wife and child, Henry Moody, 15-20, wife
John and Jos. Thompson, both over 45, Sam'l Thompson, Jos. McCormack

MISSOURI:

Newton County, 1840.

		M		F				
Isaac Moody	5/1	20-30/2	10/1	10-15/1	20-30/1			
Moses Damron	5/1	5-10/2	10-15/2	15-20/1	40-50/1	5-10/2	10-15/1	30-40/1
Joshua W. Brock	5/1	10-15/1	15-20/1	20-30/1	60-70/1	10-15/1	40-50/1	
John Damron	5/3	10-15/3	20-30/1	40-50/1	5/2	5-10/1	10-15/1	30-40/3	40-50/1

(This is our John Damron with his family. D.M. Stockton and Hugh Stockton here also.)

Constant Damron	5-10/1	20-30/1	40-50/1	5/2	5-10/2	10-15/2	(no wife?)
John Pennington	5/.	10-15/1	15-20/1	30-40/1	5/.	5-10/1	10-15/1	30-40/1
Nathan Richardson	10-15/2	15-20/1	30-40/1	5/2	10/1	10-15/1	30-40/1	
Elijah Pennington	5/1.	20-30/1	30-40/1	30-40/1				

Newton County, Missouri, 1850 (Every name disappeared. There was an Oliver Brock, 62, b. N.C. R. T. McCormick 41, born, N.C. John R. Kelly, 41, born Va. wife Jane, children: Eliz. Greenberry, John, James, Wm., Martin, Francis and Nancy born Ill. Sarah and Lucinda born Mo.

TEXAS:

Ellis County, 1850; J.L. Kelly, 33 b. Tenn, w. Sarah etc.
Gonzales County, 1850, Wm. Kelly, 31, Tenn. w. Amanda etc.

TENNESSEE;

Maury County, 1820:

Joseph Gill to 45, Thomas Gill over 45, Sam'l Wilson, Elijah Richardson, Richardson Gill 26-45, wife and 5 children.
JEHOSOPHAT LADD over 45, 4 females and wife (Constant Ladd not there.)
Paley McClain, Abel Wilson, John Gill to 45, wife and 6 ch.
James Gill, over 45, no wife and 5 children.

NOTE ON ROWAN COUNTY, N.C.
Sept. 20, 1775, Ephraim McLain.
"Rebecca Matilda (Bagge) Shultz 1808-49, born Waughtown, near Salem, N.C. In 1833 she became wife of Rev. Henry A. Shultz (later Bishop) and served with him, first in N.C. and then in Penn.; from 1844 in Bethlehem. A still-born boy was buried with her. (This Shultz became high commissioner in Moravian area, a high honor. The name Matilda may be carried from this person.)

UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU RECORDS, WASHINGTON, D.C.
(Research by Ruth Damron Dorius, Falls Church, Va.)

TEXAS:

Jasper County, 1850

Alexander Kelly, 39, Ga. Nancy Green, Mary Ann, and Matilda

Jefferson County, 1850

Nulbar (?) Cropper 24, Lo-A (Louisiana?), wife Annie E. 22, Lo-A, Nancy G. 4 yr. Oliver 2 and Annie E. 2 mo.

Joseph P. Pulsifer, 44, druggist, $1308, Mass.

Lamar County, 1850

Geo. Richardson, 41, $1280, born Va.

Young Freeman 25, Ill.

Ebenezer Freeman, 31, Ill. wife Jane, Ill. Martha E. Emily, Texas

James H. Moody, 22, printer, Ill.

Leon County, 1850

Robt. Richardson, 30, Georgia

Stokley and James M. Choat, both Tenn.

Albert A. Foster, 30, 800 acres, Louisiana

Liberty County, Texas, 1850

Solomon Barron, 49, $6,869, Louisiana, Eliz. 44. La. Allan, Benj. Soloman, Martha, Amos, Eliz. Wm. Henrietta (all in Texas)

Reuben Barron, stockraiser, $1500, 37 years, Louisiana, Eliz., wife, Germany; John A., Henry, Reuben, Benj. John, Julia (all Texas)

Levi Barron, 38, $1,000, Louisiana, Isabella 32, La. Sarah, Benj., John, Martha (all Texas)

Aaron L. Barron, 39, $500, La. wife Loucinda, 37, unknown, Aaron, Mary Ann, Lucinda, Emily, and Lolita (La.), Susan, Joseph L., Jenette (Texas)

Benj. Barron, 34, $2,500, La. Eliza wife, 27 La. Eliz,, Soloman, Levi, Susan, Daniel (all Texas)

Matagorda County, Texas, 1850

P.B. Pearce, 36, N. C. wife Ann, Mississippi; Melissa, Stephen C. (Texas)

Medina and Hopkins Counties--nothing.

Hunt County, Texas, 1850

Geo. Foster 23, Ala.

Wm. Foster, 20, Ala.

Lenois Moody, 29, merchant, $3,000, Ky.

Jackson County, Texas, 1850

Benj. Pearce, 32, $2343, Ky.

NORTH CAROLINA: Wilkes County, 1810.
(Could not find Milton Ladd.)
Elisha Richardson, Thomas Richardson and Joseph Richardson, Wm. Kelly, Benj. Moody, and Wm. M'Gill.

TENNESSEE:

Lincoln County, 1820 (first census on record)

Montilion (?) Richardson, 45
John Moody, to 45
Geo. Crawford, to 45
Berry (Wm.) Wilsons, and McCormacks here

ELIZ. DAMERON
Wm. Richardson, under 45
David Gill, to 45; David W. Gill, 20-30
Sam'l Crawford to 45
Thomas Berry, Miles Berry to 45
John Richardson, over 45
Isaac Crawford, over 45, wife and 7 ch
JOSEPH WHITAKER, over 45, wife and 5 c
MARK WHITAKER, over 45, wife and 2 ch.
Benj. Whitaker to 45; John I. Whitaker, over 45
Edward Sanderson (Adair Co. Ky. had Sanderson Damron on census.)
Anthony, Thomas, and James Crawford, all over 45

LIncoln County, 1820

Anthony Crawford, 45, wife and 7 ch.
Thomas Crawford, 45, 2 females
James Crawford, 45 wife and 6 ch.
Latham, Glenn, and Chapman families here; also Sam'l Thompson and Wilsons
Thomas Richardson, 45 and wife
Thomas Kelly to 45
Asa Pennington, to 45, wife and 6
JOHN DAMREL, over 45 (3 males), 4 under, 4 females
ELIZ. DAMREL, 1 male over 45, 2 females over 45
Jacob Pennington, 2 over 45, w.& 5

The following records were sent by Nell Elkins Pearce from the 1782-5 Tax Lists:

DAMERON:

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VA.:

Bartholomew, 7 whites, 9 slaves, 1782, p. 37.
Jesse, 4 whites, 1 slave, 1782, p. 37.
Mary, 2 whites, 2 slaves, 1782,p. 37.
George, 6 whites, 31 slaves, 1782, p. 37.
Mary 2, whites, 1 slave, 1782, p. 37.
Winifred, 4 white, 0 slaves, 1782, p. 37.
Roger, 4 whites, 1 slave, 1782, p. 39.
William, 7 white, 4 black, 1782, p. 39.
Thomas, 3 white, 1 slave, 1784, p. 74.
Bartholomew, 7 white, 1 slave, 1784, p. 74.
Mary, 2 white, 1 slave, 1784, p. 74.
Onesiphorus, 3 white, 1 slave, 1784, p. 74.
Elizabeth, 5 white, 1 slave, 1784, p. 74.
Morres, 3 white, 1 slave, 1784, p. 75.
Roger, 5 white, 1 slave, 1784, p. 75.
Rachel, 6 white, 1 slave, 1785, p. 91.

LANCASTER COUNTY, VA.:

Moses Dameron, 6 white, 0 slaves, 1783, p. 55.
Aaron, 6 white, 0 black, 1783, p. 55.
Rachel, 4 white, 0 slaves, 1783, p. 56.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY, VA.

Bartholomew Dameron, 1782.
Christopher, 1782.
Joseph, 1782.
Samuel, 1782.

BUCKINGHAM COUNTY, VA.:

George Dameron, 1782
Myke, 1782

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA.

Moses Dameron, 1782

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VERMONT STATE, 1790 CENSUS: has 1 Damerin, 4 Damon, 4 Ladd, 32 Moodys
MASSACHUSETTS STATE, 1790 CENSUS: 64 Damons, 9 Ladds, 52 Moodys.
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE, 1790 CENSUS: No Damerons, 44 Ladds, 15 Moodys

LADD:

CHARLES CITY COUNTY, VA.:

Amos Ladd, 1783
James, 1783
Jess, 1783
Thomas, 1783
John, 1783
Judith, 1783
Samuel, 1783

LUNENBURG COUNTY, VA.:

Thomas Ladd, 1782.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY, VA.:

James Ladd, 1 white, 0 slaves, 1782, p. 34.
Urcilla, 3 white, 1 slave, 1782, 34
Jacob, 7 white, 1 slave, 1782, 34
William, 6 white, 0 slave, 1782, 33

NEW KENT COUNTY, VA.:

William Ladd, 7 shite, 1 slave, 1785, p. 92.

FLUVANNA COUNTY, VA.:

Jehosaphat Ladd, 4 white, 0 slaves, 1782, p. 19.
John, 2 white, 1 slave, 1782,p 19

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PHILADELPHIA COUNTY, PA. 1790 CENSUS:

John Ladd, self and 3 others, p. 211. (No Damerons, 12 Moodys)

RHODE ISLAND, 1790 CENSUS:

(No Damerons, no Moodys.)
Ann Ladd, Kent Co, 2-0-1, p. 15.
Jeremiah, Providence Co., 1-0-3, p. 32
John, Kent Co., 2-3-5, p. 12.
Joy, Providence Co., 1-2-3, p. 33
William, Newport Co., 2-0-3, p. 18

RESEARCH: I checked Albemarle County, Va. Personal Property Tax Lists 1782; no Damerons but in 1784 has Abraham Damold; 1790 nothing, p. 6.

AMELIA COUNTY, Va. Marriages, no Dameron but has Blanks Moody, Jan. 1779, m. Elizabeth Easley.

NORTH CAROLINA: In the Index of the Archives in Raleigh, the Librarian looked in Bertie for Damerons and found none; shealso checked other records. Olds' Wills of N.C. had William Dameron, will, wife Doshea, William, Moses, Noble, county not given. Granville County Wills had no Dameron. Warren County had no Dameron nor Ladd in Marriage Bonds. Grimes' Wills of North Carolina had nothing but Roger Moore, New Hanover Co. and other Moores. North and South Carolina Records to the Civil War by W.M. Clemens had nothing on any of my families. Mrs. Pearce was able to find only two Revolutionary Dameron soldiers in N.C.--Joseph and George. Mrs. Cropper says: "There are still lots of Damerons in Caswell County, N.C. From my notes I gather there were possibly two different branches of thefamily who went into that section."

REVOLUTION: See Memoirs of the War of 1776, by Lee, for the Virginia militia. It would tell of the different companies he knew about.

Anne Waller Reddy says there are no special records of militia officers. Virginia Soldiers in 1776 shows William Damerell in Elizabeth City, Va.

VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY, Richmond, had land and tax books for all the counties ofVirginia, beg. 1782. They did not photograph the loose papers in the counties, however, such as at Lunenburg so by going to the court houses you can find these. Richmond did not have Surry County wills--they refused to cooperate in sending copies to the library. Also Montgomery was just being copied, 1953. I checked Accessions File 23405, General Notes on the Dameron Family, and found nothing.

GENEALOGY ITEMS: In early days "cousin" referred to nephews and nieces as well. "Infant" referred to one under 21 years of age. A girl had to be 14 to choose her guardian. The New Year began March 25 until about 1700--dates must be adjusted, therefore.

QUAKER RECORDS of Virginia are found in the Quaker library in Baltimore, Maryland. These would have material on the Ladds; possibly on Anna and John Damron. Anne Waller Reddy knows the address there.

COLONIAL SOLDIERS OF VIRGINIA, List of, by Eckenrode, had no Dameron that I saw. It had Wm. Moody (Va. Mag. 2, 144); John (D.W. 421); Benj. (Wash. mss. 1557), also Eppes, Francis and Richard. To join the Colonial Dames you have to have an ancestor who was an officer in military or civil service.

PRINTED GENEALOGIES: Look up the genealogies of Harris, Pleasant-Pleasants, Gill etc. for Damerons and Ladds. See Wurtenbacker's Virginia Planters. Richmond Standard has note on Amos Ladd Genealogy, p. 50.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY, VA. Abstracts of Wills and Marriages checked 1749-99, nothing.

PARISH LINES IN THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA, is a useful reference. I checked it. It shows St. Anne's was formed 1745, north side of Fluvanna. St. Anne's was divided into South Tillotson 1761, when Amherst and Buckingham were formed.

LUNENBURG INDEX TO ORDERS 1761-2, no Moody nor Damron.

CARTER BIBLE of John W. Carter m. Mary Smith Dameron of Nelson Co. Va. says there was a son William Jr. b. 5 Feb. 1792, of Wm. Dameron and Nancy of St. Stephens Parish, Northumberland.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA. COURT ORDERS not searched for Moses Dameron etc. Marriages has nothing in index, MONTGOMERY MARRIAGES.
ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, is from 1791-93, ALBEMARLE ORDER BOOK. I am not sure whether I checked it or not; found nothing if I did.

HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS OF VIRGINIA, Henry Howe, did not check. See this.

AMELIA COUNTY, VA. Anne Waller Reddy found Joseph Dameron as head of a house 1780-1.

FLUVANNA COUNTY, VA.: Index to Fluvanna Deeds has Michael Dameron deeding land to Branson Laking, 1793-1801, Deed Book 3, p. 364. Robert S. Dameron deeded to Lewis Abraham, 1876-1880, Book 22. John Ladd deeded to John Hurd, Book 1, 1777-1783. John Ladd deeded to George Corn, p. 77, Book 1. John Ladd deeded to Jehosaphat Ladd 1784-1793, Book 2, p. 367. Jehosaphat Ladd deeded to John Pettis, p. 258, Book 4, 1801-7. A. Ladd from John Ladd et. al. 1835-38, p. 267.

FLUVANNA ORDER BOOK 1770-91, reel 16, had no Dameron in the index.

INDEX TO WILLS OF FLUVANNA, reel 15, 1776-1949--nothing noted and apparently I checked it.

COUNTIES OF LUNENBURG, CUMBERLAND, CHARLES CITY AND PRINCE GEORGE, I checked for Moodys and would not have missed any Damerons I think.

MAP OF VIRGINIA COUNTIES--Richmond Highways Department has a very good one, which they would probably send free by mail. A HORNBOOK OF VIRGINIA HISTORY is published by the Virginia Division of History, Dept. of Conservation and Development--it has valuable material including charts of when the counties were taken off. It will be sent free, I believe, at least they gave me two when I went tp the office.

GOOCHLAND COUNTY, VA. Deeds Book 6, 1748-55, checked, no Damerons nor Ladd.

BERKELEY COUNTY, VIRGINIA (NOW IN W. VA.) Mrs. Dorius checked this in the N.Y. Hist. Coll. 1915, and found no Damron. Miss Reddy had said she found a John Dameron in Berkeley Co., Va. in the list of Morgan's Riflemen.

VIRGINIA HERALDICA, by Crozier, I found no Ladd, Dameron, Saddler nor Moody, has Eppes, p. 91.

WILLIAMSBURG WILLS, V. iii, Va. County Records, no Dameron nor Ladd.

LANCASTER COUNTY, has Wm. Keene m. Mrs. Elizabeth Ball, in VIRGINIA COUNTY EARLY MARRIAGES, also May 2, 1727, Joseph Chinn m. Mrs. Elizabeth Ball; Oct. 14, 1723, John Selden m. Mrs. Sarah Ball; Sept. 22, 1736, Charles Ewell m. Sarah Ball. Sept 12, 1720, John Damron m. Elizabeth Taylor. This has no index and I did not check it carefully.

SUSSEX COUNTY, VA. ibid., June 26, 1756, Joel Freeman m. Patty, d. of Wm. Richardson, p. 29.

VIRGINIA COLONIAL MILITIA, in Virginia County Records V. II, p. 23, has Joseph Bledsoe, Sergt. 1st Va. Regt. Col. Geo. Washington, commanding; continuedin same till regt. disbanded, Spotsylvania Co. Feb. 17, 1780. Has no Dameron, nor Ladd, has Moody, p. 62, and many Youngs.

FAIRFAX COUNTY, VA. March 1756, has Benj. Ladd among the Troopers, also Richard Newall, etc. p. 58, Hening's Statutes at Large.

GUIDE TO SOUTHERN PEDIGREES, pub. by Genealogical Association, Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., 1911, has Bledsoe in Southwest Virginia (Historic Sumner Co., Tenn, by J. G.Cisco, also History of Southwest Virginia, by L.P. Summers, 1903.) P. 22, has Damerin of Wm. and Mary Quarterly XI, Va. Co. Rec. VI, p. 22.

NEW KENT COUNTY, Va. has a parish register in Col. Dames, 1904, 1680-1787.

ILLINOIS: Journal of the House of Delegates, Dec. 1833, Doc. 32. has a List of Officers of Illinois Regt. of Crockett's Regt. who received land.

MARIAM DAMRON CROPPER'S RECORDS:

GOOCHLAND COUNTY INDEX TO WILLS, F. Va. 10 pt 9, is a very poor record; terribly hard to read; spent about 40 minutes on it and could not make out any of our names.

SUSSEX COUNTY MARRIAGES REGISTER, Va. S 6, Jos. T. Ladd m. Martha Drumwright, 1841.

KENTUCKY: Martha Jane Ladd m. James M. Steele, 1865, Louisville, Ky. Am. Pub. W.V. 13, p. 131, Tyler's Q. Sarah Damron, dau. of Moses, and Richard and Lazarus Dameron were in Floyd County, Ky. in 1810; lots of them still there.

ALBEMARLE:"Have done extensive work on Albemarle."

VIRGINIA MARRIAGES: "I have searched every county in Virginia," and also she has searched in other states, for the marriage of John Damron and Anna Ladd. Found that of Judith Dameron and Noble Ladd, Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg.

CIVIL WAR: Julia Dameron Old sent the following item from the Calendar of Virginia State Papers, V. 11, p. 248: Copies of letters from State War Prisoners to members of Congress of U.S.

State Line Prison, Richmond, Va.

Hon K. V. Whaley,

Sir:

"After our best respects we proceed to inform you . . . that we are in common health tho in uncommon circumstance, We are here in prison now very near seven weeks. We are held as hostages for the good treatment of prisoners that have been incarcerated . . . we do ask that an honourable agreement may be speedily made which will bring about an exchange of prisoners and effect our release from this prison. There was 118 of us when at first put in this prison, 9 of which are now in the penitentiary, viz. Capt. Gram, Lt. Wade, Capt. Damron, Lieut. Damron . . .

Yours, etc.

B. R. HALEY.

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REVOLUTION: I searched several New York books to find Captain John Dameron as listed by Media Research Bureau but failed to find any Dameron except Peter Damerell, in the list of Naval Service Enlisted Men on a Privateer, p. 269, New York in the Revolution. The Adjutant-General wrote 20 Apr. 1953: "The pay rolls do not show the origin of the units nor do they show where Capt. Wm. Henderson or Capt. Thomas Walker came from. * * * * *

SPOTSYLVANIA, Virginia County Records, by Crozier, 1762-1800. I found no Dameron, no Moody but John Ladd was on p. 199. On Feb. 3, 1755, Alex Cruikshanks deeded to Benj. Pipeman, Spotsylvania County, witnesses, Peter Lucas, John Ladd, Geo. Hicks. (Deed Book E, 1751-61.)

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QUAKERS: In the Encyclopedia of American Quaker Ancestry, by Hinshaw & Marshall, I checked references to Dameron and Ladd, V. VI, from p. 17 to 153, but did not check the following: 163-5-8, 173,181-4-9, 191-8, 212-15,16-18, 235-40; 327,344.

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LANCASTER COUNTY, VIRGINIA, Historic Homes and Churches had no Damerons, Ladds nor Moodys.

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LUNENBURG COUNTY, notes by Mariam Cropper: The Old Free State, V. 2, p. 392 has Elizabeth Ladd m. Seth Pettypool, 28 Jan. 1792, surety Thos. Ladd. Cumberland Parish Vestry Book, Lunenburg, p. 533, Thomas Ladd owned land here 1772. Lunenburg Deeds, index to Grantees: 1759 Wm. Ladd, Sr, Grantor, Wm. Ladd, Jr. Book 5, p. 457. 1764, Wm. Ladd, Jr. Grantor, Lewis Tanner, Book 8, p. 7. 1764 Joseph Ladd, Grantor, Wm. Ladd Book 8, p. 185. 1777 Thomas Ladd, Grantor, David Hold, Book 13, p. 51. She found nothing in the Lunenburg Parish Register of the Episcopal Church of Richmond.

BERKELEY COUNTY, VA. Volunteers, no Damerons foundin the list in the New York Historical Collections, 1915, by Mrs. Dorius. She found Capt. Henry Dudley Audit acct. books, v. 7, 198, from Eckenrode; House of Delegates 1835-6, Doc. 6, 83, HD, Oct. 1792, 131 Oct. 1792, 54, Dudley H. E-5, ex. papers, E 2 Heitman, 160, CJ 1777-8; 221; CJ 1782-3, 216.

DAMERON CHARACTERISTICS: I asked Julia Dameron Old what she thought the Dameron characteristics were and she answered: "Your delightful letter containing such fine information and the picture of your lovely grandmother have been greatly enjoyed and I appreciate them all so very much. Even my husbandimmediately said that I look like the picture of your grandmother, so that must be the Dameron type. Sarah Margaret Moody is a lovely young girl with decidedly classic features... We do nothave any very old Dameron pictures as they must have gone to Joseph McAdam Dameron's family if there were any. My brothers are both tall, 6 ft. or a little more, blonde and considered handsome. Zack. Jr. and Broun are tall and handsome but Zach. Jr. is dark like his mother and Broun blonde like his father. My grandfather had reddish blonde hair and hazel eyes; so had I (grayish now), and Uncle Walton at Weems had the same coloring and they were medium-tall, about 5 ft. 8 or 9 in. I am considered the Dameron type and so are my brothers. My aunt, Lydia Dameron Claybrook, was considered a beauty of her day and Keene Dameron Embrey, my sister, was a beauty of hers, both having perfect features, lovely skin, blue eyes, and my aunt had blonde hair and my sister golden broen. As to characteristics, we are all fanatical, too, about 'good behavior' like the Brunswick family, and have rigid ideas concerning manners and morals. I would say that gentility is the leading characteristic.... The Dameron family name is dying out in Virginia as Zack. Jr. and Broun are the only male members in their generation in our branch... The Claughtons were kin to my mother's family, the Luttrells."

I sent Mrs. Old the Downing arms and she drew them for the Downing genealogy and found the description as follows:"Barry of ten ar. and vert, over all a griffin segreant or. Crest: An arm embowed in armour tied round the wrist with a bow ar. Holding in the hand pr. a broad arrow or feathered and headed of the first."

Later Mrs. Old wrote again: "My cousin was here today and I showed her your grandmother's picture and the picture of Sarah Margaret. She thinks they are lovely and thinks Margery Dameron Edmonds in Kilmarnock looks like your grandmother." On receiving the genealogy of the Damerons, Mrs. Old also wrote: "The book is magnificent and I congratulate you for having accomplished such a tremendous undertaking. I spent a good deal of time reading it... I just haven't words to tell you how marvellous I think the history is." Again on May 27, Mrs. Old wrote: "Your grandmother looks like our branch of the family... Every member of the family should be forever grateful to you for the idea and for carrying it out and my immediate family and the Moore family, too, are thoroughly appreciative. It would be perfectly wonderful in book form but I am happy enough to have the mimeographed copy.... Wilson Embrey III is graduating next week from James Monroe High School in Fredericksburg and will go to Virginia Military Institute in Sept., Robert Wheeler, 2nd, is graduating from the Norfolk Academy, is valedictorian,and will go to Johns-Hopkins University to take the pre-medical course in the fall. Just keeping you informed about family news."

I had asked Mrs. Lester Weaver in Richmond about the Dameron characteristics when I talked with her and she said one of the chief ones was that they could not bear even the slightest thought of a scandal in the family and were very strict in the moral sense. The good name of the family meant more than anything and they were very proud of the Damerons as an F.F.V. family. Mrs. Weaver's brother wrote to me, M.F. Cleaton, of the M.F. Cleaton Realty Corporation, Roanoke, Virginia, home 368 Church Avenue, S.W., P.O. Box 1808: "I can't find words to express my appreciation for the work you have done. My mother was nee, Mary Winifred Dameron, d. of William Henry 'Rev.' Dameron, son of Alexander, son of Bartholomew, son of Christopher."

I also asked Matilda Foster (Anderson) about the Dameron characteristics and she wrote: "I knew Uncle Joe Dameron and his wife, Margaret Freeman, and most of their family. They were all honorable people but very quiet and non-assertive. I don't think anyone knows any more about my grandmother, Sarah Matilda Damron. All I know is some of the gleanings from what I've heard mother say. Her mother knew most of the best literature of the day and was a good reader and story-teller. She was kind and gentle and a perfect 'lady) in the fine sense of the word. (Mother got her 'spunk' from her father. Her mother was just too good for her own self-preservation. All the Damerons I have ever known were exceptionally kind and generous. They didn't, for the most part, seem to be as progressive as some families I have known, but were very affectionate with each other." She also told me once that John Moody Foster looked like the Damerons in general appearance, in the way he walked and carried his shoulders etc., but not so much in the face. She said Joseph Milton Moody looked exactly like one of the Dameron men in Nevada, so you could hardly tell them apart.

Both Sarah Matilda Damron and her sister Cynthia Elizabeth Damron were of delicate health and not strong, so they died young as they could not endure the pioneer life of the period. Both were said to be "angelic" and very sweet and gentle. They sound as if they had inherited some of the Quaker characteristics. Sarah Matilda composed songs and poems while crossing the plains when she was young.

NEW KENT County,Va. The pension of William Ladd, File 8079, Cert. 25,282, disch. Sept. 9, 1781 at Middlesex County. First time he was called he was in the Continental Line at Long Bridge, New Kent County, under Gen. Nelson; other service was in the militia of the 3d Virginia Rgt. commanded by Cols. Taylor and Goodall. He was born in New Kent Feb. 8, 1760, and said he always lived there. Sam Moss and James Williams testified as to his service.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY, VA. Docket of Causes, May, 1796,shows Dameron vs. Ewell, Writ of Inquiry, Am. Pub. U.V. 9, p. 32, from Mrs. Cropper.

RECORDS NOT CHECKED: I did not see Henry Howe's Historical Collections of Virginia nor Wertenbaker. Mrs. Pearce said someone should "Go to the Comptroller's office in Washington and go into each and every Dameron-Damron name listed because it is from this department that each and every bill goes through this office and is mailed out from there. We could trail the tombstones from there of the Revolutionary service." Mrs. Pearce also said the court orders should be searched for the division of the estate of Hannah Dameron or her inventory or for her heirs, in Albemarle County, Va." I asked her how she found state records and she said: "I just write to the Secretary of State, State Library, Historical Commission; all states have record of land grants. I wrote to the State Land Office. I write to the post master in towns and ask if a certain person gets mail there and have never failed to receive a reply yet, nine times out of ten they give me the address; also I write to the sheriff of the counties."

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VA. Mrs. Cornelius said: "The early records of the county here are photostatic copies, except the court orders books from 1713 to 1756. These are in Heathsville, also Fleet and Duvall. We do not have a record book for Northumberland 1729-38 but the court orders are in Richmond and you can get them there."

pt. 3

PART THREE: THE DAMERON-DAMRON GENEALOGY.

THE DESCENDANTS OF CAPT. JOHN DAMRON

I. CAPT. JOHN DAMRON AND ANNA LADD

I. JOHN DAMRON was born January 12, 1757. His will was dated September 5, 1835, in Franklin County, Illinois, but we have no record that it was probated so the date of his death is uncertain. His tombstone merely says: "Capt. Jno. Damron, U.S. Soldier, Rev. War," and beside it is one "Benegar Gill, U.S. Soldier, Rev. War." These are identical. Nell Elkins Pearce and Mariam Damron Cropper made a trip to Illinois in 1952 and took a photograph of the tombstone, which is in Drake Cemetery, Johnson County, Illinois, on the border of Williamson County on a high hill. I showed this photograph to the Archivist in the Virginia State Library and she said no such stone would have been provided if proof of service had not been furnished and that she thought the Veterans' Bureau must have sent it out to Illinois. It appears to be the regulation stone for Revolutinnary War veterans. Some descendants still live in southern Illinois, such as the Gills of Franklin County and descendants of Elvira Damron Whitaker in Vienna, Ill., also the grandson of Noah Thompson Damron, Charles Thompson Damron.

John Damron was a Methodist Episcopal preacher and probably one of those who travelled, which was common in those early days, which is why we find it so difficult to trace him. Mrs. Pearce had a photostat made of his license: "The license of John Damron to exhort in the Methodist Episcopal Church is renewed by order of the Quarterly Conference held for Golconda Mission. Aug. 11, 1836. John Van Cleve, P.E." In 1819 he was in the Cache River Mission, Illinois.

Mrs. Pearce found a list of the church records kept by John Damron, Sr., as follows:

1. John Damron
2. Anna "
3. Agnes "
4. Sary "
5. Micager McGill
6. Polly Casey
7. Hulda Damron
8. Elizabeth "
9. Belveritta "
10. Susannah Newton
11. Nancy Newton
12. Malinda Henderson
13. Jesse Milin
14. George Meadlock
15. Nancy "
16. Caty Whitaker
17. Cynthia Damron
18. Elvira "
19. David "
20. Martin Pewtar
21. James Newton

(This goes on page after page. Names change some each page.)

(Note: Most of the research on John Damron and Anna Ladd has been done by Nell Elkins Pearce (Mrs. McCallister Pearce) of 500 Avalon Drive, West Memphis, Arkansas, except the Ladd genealogy which I found in Richmond. Mariam Damron Cropper has also worked on this line and her sister Ruth Damron Dorius, 1401 Patrick Henry Drive, Falls Church, Virginia. William A. Moody collected the genealogy of the descendants of John Damron, Jr. as part of his Moody Family Record.)

I could not find any pension for John Damron in the Pension Bureau in Washington so in Richmond I asked Anne Waller Reddy to search for his Revolutionary record, as she is the expert on this subject. Her report was:

"JOHN DAMRON, county not placed. Born 1757, died _____, married Ann Ladd, daughter of Noble Ladd and his wife _____ Damron.

"Miscellaneous Revolutionary Box 5 shows a Roll of the 2d Va. State Regiment in which he served under Capt. Henry Dudley. War Department called W.D. 50, page 1, photostated, shows John Damron in the 2d Va. Regt. under Capt. Henry Dudley, Col. Gregory Smith, from 15 Marrh to 1st May,1778.

"Ibid, page 4, Pay Roll of Capt. Henry Dudley, 2d Va. Jul. 1778, John Dameron sick at Valley Forge. Not found again in the 20 pages belonging to this W.D. 50.

"Eckenrode says he served in the 2,4,8,12 Va. Regiments.

"Gwathmey states he was in the 2d Va. Regt. also in the 9th Continental Line.

"War Department 197, page 1, shows he served under Capt. Thomas Fleming, Dec. 1779 in the 9th Va."

Miss Reddy said all these references were to the same John Damron. I had photostats made of the items and have a full account under Capt. John Damron in the Revolution in a sepa rate section.

When he returned from the Revolution, John Damron married Anna Ladd, as it is spelled in the Register of names of the Damron Bible, by whom he had thirteen children, and six by his second wife, Cynthia. Marybelle Delamar, Box 305, Raleigh, N.C. wrote to me:"There is not a marriage bond for John Dameron and Anna Ladd with the Warren County marriage bonds. It is my belief that no bond for this couple will be found in North Carolina. For years first one person and then another have been searching for this bond, and without success. One reason may be that marriage bonds were not required in North Carolina if the parties posted banns for the required three weeks." The Assistant Archivist at the Virginia State Library also wrote: "We do not locate in our records the marriage of John Dameron to Anna Ladd in Buckingham, Fluvanna or Westmoreland Counties, as requested by you." Mrs. Pearce found a note that John Damron and Anna Ladd were married in"Cumberland Parish", which was in her files taken about 25 years ago. This would be in Lunenburg County,Va. Also Mariam Damron Cropper found a reference that Judith Dameron and Noble Ladd were married in Cumberland Parish. However, their first child, Constantine, was born in Goochland or at least registered in Goochlandrecords.

Anna Ladd was a descendant of one of the leading Quaker families of Virginia, and one of the earliest. John Ladd came to Virginia before 1653 and lived in Lynnhaven Parish, Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, where he married Bathsheba Lovett, daughter of Lancaster Lovett. John had two sons of record, Amos and William of Charles City who m. Huldah Binford June 18, 1701. Amos Ladd received land in Henrico, Va., 1714 and in Goochland 1728; his son Noble m. a Miss Davis. Noble had a son Noble Ladd, who married "Judath Damarell" and had their first child Constantine recorded as born in Goochland County;, Va. Jan. 1753. Noble d. Surry County, 1782, and his will gives "to my daughter Anne five shillings."

a. THE WILL OF JOHN DAMRON, 1835

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I JOHN DAMRON of Franklin County and the State of Illinois being through the abundant mercy of God, Tho' weak in body yet of a sound and perfect understanding and memory do constitute this my last will and testament and desire it may be received by all as such: FIRST . . . I most humbly bequeath my soul to God my maker, beseeching His most gracious acceptance of it through the all sufficient merits and mediation of the adorable Redeemer Jesus Christ who gave Himself to be an atonement for my sins and is able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by Him, and Who I trust will not reject me, when I come to him for mercy; in that hope and confidence I render up my soul with comfort, humbly beseeching the most gracious merciful and holy Lord God to prepare me for the time of my Dissoulution and then to take me to Himself into that abode of peace and life which he hath prepared for all that love and fear His holy name, Amen.

"I give my body to the earth from whence it was taken in full assurance of its resurrection from thence at the last day; as to my Burial, I desire it may be decent and at the discretion of my dear wife and my executors here after named who I doubt not will manage it with all requisite prudence . . . As to my worldly Estate I will and positively order that all my debts be paid, and first I give to my son JOSEPH DAMRON, the sum of One Dollar, and to each of my children, BETSEY, JUDITH, WILLIAM, GEORGE, POLLY, NOBLE LADD, ANNE, MOSES, CONSTANTINE LADD, AND HULDAH, the like sum of One Dollar. To my son JOHN I give my large Family Bible--

"And I also give to the Heirs of my son DAVID DAMRON, One Dollar--to each of my daughters, AGNES and ELVIRA, the like sum of One Dollar--

"SECONDLY, I give to MALISSA, one Feather bed with its necessary furniture and a cow and calf.

"THIRDLY, I give to my dear wife all the residue of my property my improvements Household furniture, farming utensils and stock of every description with the intent and expectation that she will raise my youngest son, NOAH THOMPSON, and my will further says, that during her life or the continuance of her widowhood she enjoy and use all of the remainder of my property, but at her death, or marriage my will is that my son NOAH THOMPSON shall have all that there may remain.

"I do here by appoint my wife as Executrix and my son John Damron, and my worthy friend Joseph Kuykendall Executors of this my last will and testament firmly believing that they will faithfully see that my wishes as herein expressed will be fully executed after I am gone. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of September, 1835.

"(SEAL) JOHN DAMRON (SEAL)

"Witnesses:

JAMES GILL
JESSE (X) APLING."

PART THREE: b. Chronology of the Life of Capt. John Damron.

1757, Jan. 12. John Damron was born in Virginia. The records of W.W. Damron dated 1877 say he was "born Northumberland, Va." However, present research shows that the 9th Virginia Regiment was raised in Albemarle County, Va. which indicates that he was the grandson of Lazarus Dameron, and son of either George or John who d. 1757 in Albemarle, so that he would have been born in Albemarle, Virginia, where he enlisted from in the Revolution. Charles Dameron, the Revolutionary soldier, was the sonof John Dameron of Albemarle, and possibly Wilson Dameron of Illinois was his brother.

1776, for the month of December, we find John Damron on the"pay bill of Capt. Thomas Walker's Company in the Ninth Virginia Regiment Whereof Thomas Fleming Esq. is Commander for the month of December, 1776. The Lieutenant was Wm. Henderson at $18 pr. month, which was the same pay as Lt. HudsonMartin. John Damron, private, received $6 2/3 a month. In 1777, July 16, Geo. Mathews was Col., James Culbertson, Lieut., and Peter Muhlenberg, Brigadier. Capt. Thomas Walker was the son of Thomas Walker who was the first man to explore Kentucky in 1750, and he was representative for Albemarle, Hanover, and Louisa Counties, Va., living in Albemarle. It seems clear that John Damron joined up in Albemarle as a drummer boy in 1776 (W.W. Damron and J.W. Damron's records say he joined the Revolution as a drummer boy at the age of about 17.) Among other men with him in the 9th Va. from Albemarle were: William Baily, James Eubanks, John Gilasby, killed at Germantown, Charles Goolesby, captured at Germantown and James and John who died in the service 9th Va., Wm. Henderson, Hudson Martin, David Merriwether (See Woods' Revolutionary Soldiers of Albemarle .) Also Edward Garland who was with the 9th at the battles of Brandywine, Germantown and Cootses Bridge.

1777, August, 9th Va. is in the Battle of Cooch's Bridge as Edward Garland said. The Delaware, by H.E. Wildes says: "Howe's British force,landing after a long detour from New York up the Chesapeake, fell on Philadelphia in the rear. He met a small detachment of nine hundred Pennsylvania horse and 700 Marylanders and Blue Hen's Chickens at Cooch's Bridge, in Delaware. The site, the records state, was near Iron Mountain... The American force, led by General 'Scotch Willie" Maxwell, was heavily outnumbered; the rebel arms were far inferior to those of Howe's well-equipped veterans, but the fight was stubbornly maintained. Eventually, when Howe brought up artillery, the rebels were dislodged after losing thirty killed and wounded. The Stars and Stripes had undergone its first engagement. Brandywine followed in a week, and then, successively, came Paoli and Germantown, the fearful winter at Valley Forge." The flag was adopted June 14, 1777, and Cooch's Bridge was the first battle where it was used, so John Damron fought in the first battle under the Stars and Stripes with the 9th Va. apparently.

1777, September 11, the British defeat General Anthony Wayne and George Washington at the Battle of Brandywine on the stream of that name in Pennsylvania. (Some of the wounded were cared for in the Downing barn in Downingtown, the Downings being Foster ancestors who lived near the Brandywine.) The 9th Va. was at the Battle of Brandywine, and this may be where John Damron "knew Washington", as the records say, or he may have known him at White Plains, N.Y. when his headquarters was there guarded by Virginians.

1777, October 4. John Damron is taken prisoner at the Battle of Germantown, and dropped from the payroll of Wm. Henderson. Charles Goolesby of Albemarle was captured with him, and John Gilasby was killed. James Lewis was also captured "and placed in jail at Philadelphia until June 16, 1778, when he was exchanged and returned to his regt." This must be the same history John Damron had and he must also have been with Morgan's Riflemen, the most famous unit of the Revolution, as James Lewis said: "In the summer of 1777 a regiment was made up

of the most expert riflemen, commanded by Col. Morgan. The greater part of Capt. Henderson's Co. were selected and James Lewis took charge of balance of Co. and performed duty of commissioned officer. Battles--Brandywine and Germantown."

1778, March 15 to May 1. John Damron's name is on the pay roll of "Capt. Henry Dudley's Company in the Second Virginia State Regiment, Commanded by Coll. Gregory Smith." He is a private. Harry Dudley was the son of the Duke of Northumberland and studied military science at William and Mary College. Apparently John Damron was exchanged or escaped and rejoined another company of Morgan's Riflemen in the 2d Virginia Regiment, though I do not know that these were Morgan's, but they were in the fighting from 1777 on.

1778, June. John Damron is not on the regular payroll but is on a list as No. 4 which acknowledged receipt of $16 2/3 in pay, signed for by Capt. Henry Dudley, which means that he was sick or absent--probably sick at Valley Forge when his company moved on,with five other sick men of the 2d Va.

1778, July, John Damron is shown in the list of the 2d Va. pay roll as "sick at Valley Forge, along with five other men of his company. Taply Manes was left sick at Coryell's Ferry, which is where Washington "crossed the Delaware," and another five were left sick at Princeton, N.J., or rather eight were left--of whom Wm. Fox died July 26, 1778. At this time 16 privates were sick and absent and two corporals. This line of march shows the 2d Va. was under Washington's general command and following his campaign northward. He had left Valley Forge June 20, 1778, and crossed on the 21st at Coryell's Ferry. This was a terrible time when many men died of malnutrition and exhaustion on the march because of the heat etc. On June 28, 1778, was the battle of Monmouth Court House near Princeton, N.J., then Washington moved to headquarters at White Plains, N.Y., which he left in September, 1778.

1778, Sept. 8, at "White Plains, N.Y." John Damron is shown as "Sick Prest," and is one of "The Within Soldiers are to serve untill March 1780 agreeable to an Act Assembly. H Dudley Capt 2 V.S.R." This refers to the Virginia Militia under the Assembly of Virginia, but in the Continental Line. He must have joined up when Washington started to move again for the two-year stretch in the Continental forces.

1780, March. John Damron's enlistment would be over at this time. William Bailey of the 9th Va. who enlisted for 2 yrs. was in Morgan's Riflemen and at the battles of Brunswick and the taking of Burgoyne, so John Damron may have had a similar history but we have no record of it. James Eubanks served with Wm. Baily. The Virginia militia were sent south to fight the British there where Gen. F rancis Marion was trying to hold his own in South Carolina and North Carolina. (His commissary-general was Thomas Young of N.C. who was the ancestor of the Moodys; Thos. Moody joined up as a fifer in 1776 also.) The militia were disbanded at Hillsborough, N.C. for the most part.

1781, Dec. 22. Joseph, first child of John Damron is born, so he must have been married on his release from service about 1780. Nell Pearce has an old note in her files that "John Damron and Anna Ladd were married in Cumberland Parish," and Mariam Cropper found a reference that Judith Dameron and Noble Ladd were married in "Cumberland Parish."

1791, May 19. John Damron, Jr. is "born in Virginia," as he says in the 1850 census in Texas.

1804, Feb. 8. Anna Ladd, wife of John Damron, Sr. dies, but we do not know where.

1811, Oct. 27. Agnes Damron is born in Tennessee, according to the Census.

1815, Oct. 27. Elvira Damron is born in Illinois, where her father, John Sr. was a Methodist Episcopal travelling preacher.

1835, Sept. 5. The Will of John Damron, Sr. is signed in Franklin County, Illinois, but there is no record that it was probated. His tombstone in Drake Cemetery, Franklin County, Ill. is a regulation one for Revolutionary veterans and says merely "Capt. Jno. Damron, U.S. Army, Rev. Soldier," no other dates.

Mrs. Pearce has seen the old Bible mentioned in the will of John Damron, and said it was a beautiful book bound in leather. She sent me the following with the note: "This record of births and deaths of the family of John and Anna (Ladd) Damron was found in a very old book in possession of one of John and Cynthia Damron's great-grandchildren. (Cynthia was his second wife.)"

"REGISTER

Sons and Daughters

"JOSEPH DAMRON, the	first son,	b.	22 Dec. 1781
SOLOMON "	2nd "	b.	2 Oct. 1783
BETSEY "	1st daut.	b.	3 Mch. 1785
JUDITH "	2nd daut.	b.	4 Mch. 1787
WILLIAM "	3rd son	b.	10 Feb. 1789
JOHN (JR.)"	4th son	b.	19 May 1791
GEO. & POLLY DAMRON	5th son		
and	3rd daut.	b.	12 Mch. 1793
NOBLE LADD DAMRON	6th son	b.	16 Mch. 1795
ANNA "	4th daut.	b.	23 Dec. 1797
MOSES "	7th son	b.	6 June, 1799
CONSTANTINE LADD "	8th son	b.	5 May 1801
HULDIA MAJORS "	5th daut.	b.	8 Nov. 1803

"JOHN DAMRON, senior, was born Jan. 12, 1757.
ANNA DAMRON, his wife, was born Mch. 4, 1765, and died Feb. 8,1804.

"Children of John Damron and 2nd Wife Cynthia

DAVID DAMRON, the	9th son,	b.	5 Oct. 1807
SUCKEY "	6th daut.	b.	24 April 1809
AGNES "	7th daut.	b.	31 July, 1811
ELVIRA "	8th daut.	b.	27 Oct. 1815
MALISSA "	9th daut.	b.	10 April, 1818
NOAH THOMPSON "	10th son	b.	12 Dec. 1823"

Mrs. Pearce added the following notes : John Damron, Jr. b. in Va. (Census). Agnes Damron b. in Tenn. (Census). Elvira Damron b. in Illinois, Franklin Co.;Malissa b. Illinois, Franklin Co.; Noah Thompson b. in Illinois in Williamson or Johnson County. Between Feb. 8th, 1804, and 1806 John married Cynthia as her first child was born 1807.

Mrs. Pearce also wrote: John's son David was already dead in 1835, and I have other proof of this then the will. I have never been able to locate the following sons of John,Sr.: Solomon, Joseph, William. In fact, I have never seen any of them in the Census with him except John Jr. and his family. Where did they locate--not in Illinois I am sure? She told me: "My ancestress, Agnes Damron,married Stephen Gill; they named their children John C. Gill, Polly, Benjamin, Monroe, Stephen Thompson, Elizabeth, Sarah Ann and Milton Gill." She also wrote: "I have always thought that maybe Cynthia's maiden name was Thompson as she named her last child, b. 1823, Noah Thompson. Noah was of Bertie County, N.C." She said Benagar Gill, father of Stephen, enlisted from Delaware, and she did not know who his father was at that writing. The tombstones of Agnes and Stephen Gill are in the cemetery.

The records of W. A. Moody, taken from those of W.W. Damron, show that Moses Damron b. June 6, 1799, married Susan McLain and Constantine Ladd Damron b. May 5, 1801, married Sarah McCormick, while William married Elizabeth Heaps. We know that Elvira married Hall Whitaker and lived in Illinois. Mrs. Pearce wrote: "I have 1880 Census on Elvira Damron, daut. of Cynthia and John. She was born in Ills. 1815, and said both her parents were born in North Carolina."Following this lead she searched in North Carolina.

Mrs. Pearce also wrote: "John, Jr. followed his father in Illinois. I have the 1818 (State) Census and found them right together... After 1811 John and Cynthia were in Illinois . . . I am now working on one John Damron who received a land grant in Jackson County, Mississippi, in 1820; no results so far as all records were destroyed there in 1897. If we could just get the Census on that county 1820-30, might get a lead."

The family of John Damron, Jr. have always said both he and his father were born in Virginia. The California Damron records merely said "born in Virginia." W.A. Moody spent some time trying to find the earliest family records before any genealogist worked on this family, and came up with the records of William Wallace Damron dated 1877: "John Damron b. 1757 in Northumberland, Va." No day was given. John Damron, Jr. was given as "born in Virginia." This must be taken very seriously because these Damrons could never have guessed at the county Northumberland, as a genealogist might. The genealogist hired by Joseph W. Damron reported that John Damron, Sr. was "of Northumberland County, Virginia, died 1836 in Franklin County, Ill., and listed all the thirteen children by Anna Ladd as born in Northumberland County, Va., but had no place of birth for the six by Cynthia. W.A. Moody wrote to me: "The genealogist who gave the line back to Heathsville, Northumberland County, Virginia, gave William as the father of John b. 1757, and another William as the father of William; but stated that he did not have definite information as to the correctness of those entries, but he was quite certain they belonged to the family since they lived in the same place." In 1953 W. A. Moody wrote in reply to a further query from me: "William WallaceDamron born 1833 was the record keeper of the family. His record shows John Damron b. 1757 in Northumberland, Va., written in 1877. My records do not show where John Damron Sr. was married. That he was born in Northumberland Co., Va. seems conclusive to me. W.W. Damron had it that way. The researcher has placed it there and the Damron immigrants came to Northumberland. The genealogist who compiled for Joseph W. Damron not only fixed his birth place at Northumberland but also assumed that William Damron, the son of William Damron, both found at Northumberland were the father and grandfather of John Sr. as he stated, because the family had been there for so many years. John Damron, Jr. is shown as 'b. in Virginia.'" The record of this genealogist is as follows--but it is not accepted by Mrs. Pearce nor Mrs. Cropper as he made so many other mistakes and also in 1821 John Damron was an old man with a large family living in Illinois, and it is not likely that he would be heir to the land his father lived on as in the will of William Damron:

"WILLIAM DAMRON b. Heathsville,Northumberland Co., Va. (See Will Book 12, p. 375. His wife was Elizabeth b. Heathsville, and their children were: 1. Roger Damron b. Northumberland Co., 2. William Damron b. Northumberland Co., 3. George Damron, b. Northumberland Co., Christopher Damron b. Northumberland Co.

"WILLIAM DAMRON b. about 1731, Heathsville, Northumberland Co., Va. had his

Will dated May 10, 1821, probated July 9, 1821. His father was William Damron b. Heathsville, Northumberland Co., Va. whose wife was Elizabeth b. Heathsville. (See the Will in Book 15, p. 391.).

"1. Luke.
2. William.
3. John.
4. Bartholomew.
5. Fanny.
6. Miss Damron."

The W. A. Moody record also has a note on the Damrons that George Damron b. March 12, 1793, married Delilah K. b. about 1796-1800 in Virginia, died Texas, ch: John Damron b. about 1815 in Virginia; Mark Damron b. about 1817 in Virginia.

The mimeographed pamphlet put out by the California Damrons lists all thirteen of the children by Anna Ladd as "born in Virginia," and has Ann Ladd born March 4, 1765, in Westmoreland County (or Charles City County), Va. who died Feb. 8, 1804.

Mrs. Pearce has also searched for the record of the death of John Damron Sr. "I wrote twice to Franklin County and Johnson County, Ills. asking about probation of John's will. They wrote back it was never probated. He was still alive in 1836 when this License was issued, but I do know that he was dead in 1843 when Cynthia died." She also said she was sure John Sr. did not marry Cynthia in Franklin Co., Illinois. "I have been through the records there twice, and Mariam and I were there in November. She is a very careful researcher, we found nothing new. I had gotten all that was to be found in that county 20 years ago."

There is a tradition that Cynthia was the sister of Anna Ladd, but I do not know where it came from. There is also a vague tradition that there is some German ancestry in this family. W. A. Moody wrote to me: "W. W. Damron told me that tradition has it that the U.S. Damrons spring from three German brothers who came to U.S. at an early date." This appears to refer to the Shultz family of Pennsylvania, who married into the John Damron, Jr. line. There were also several Ladd brothers who came to America. Mrs. Cropper also wrote to me: "I am sure that John Sr. didn't die as early as we had supposed... we have no record of his death. If grandpa saw him and remembered it, he must have lived another ten years or so. I told you, I believe, about the folks in Illinois having the idea that the Damrons came from Ireland, and that John and Cynthia went into Ill. via New Orleans and up the Mississippi. Ruth has found some of the family back in Washington or Virginia who also say they came from Ireland. This man says the first of his family came to Norfolk--some went to Northumberland, and the others up the James River. Says the immigrant had many sons who left home rather early, one going to Ohio, one to Kentucky and one to West Va." This appears to refer to the Ladd familywhich originated in Norfolk and might have been Irish, or perhaps the Lovetts were. I asked Mrs. H.C. Old, of the Northumberland family about this tradition and she replied: "My grandfather, James Albert Dameron, said that the Damerons of Northumberland came from England, but that some of them in Louisiana were French Huguenots. So far as I know there are no Damerons from Ireland or Germany. Mrs. Keach gave so many instances of them having lived in England and of names similar to those of Northumberland, that it seems to me more than coincidence." She painted the Dameron coat of arms: D'arg au chev. de sa., acc. de trois tourt, de gu. Mrs. Pearce replied "I know that the Damrons were all the way English, though some of the wives might have been German. I have all kinds of data from England on the Damerons."

CHART SHOWING THE DESCENDANTS OF JUDITH DAMERON, DAUGHTER OF LAZARUS DAMERON, AND NOBLE LADD, HER HUSBAND

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who had a land grant in Northumberland County, Va., 1652. He m. Dorothy, surname unknown, and had ch. Bartholomew, eldest, George, Thomas, Samuel, Lawrence, Jr., and Dorothy, who m. Josias Gaskins and Samuel Mahan, her children being Josias Gaskins (Gascoyne) and Dorothy.

II. GEORGE DAMERON d. 1698, inherited the Guarding Point estate, Wicomico. He m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis. Their children were Col. Thomas, of Guarding Point 1683-1750; Elizabeth m. Charles Ingram, George, Inventory, 1721, m. Margaret, dau. Lazarus Taylor; she m. 2nd Thomas Winter in 1746; and Lazarus, who moved to King George and died in Albemarle County 1749.

III. LAZARUS DAMERON, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Richard Smith, having 7 children:

GEORGE — RICHARD, d.s.p. — JOHN d. 1757 — HANNAH — JUDITH m. 1753, Noble Ladd, Goochland Co., Va. — MOSES, in Rowan Co., N.C. 1753 — WINIFRED m. John Thomas

JOHN, in Surry, N.C. taxable 1771?

AMOS, SARAH, MOLLY, NOBLE, HULDAH — CONSTANTINE, oldest, in Stokes Co., N.C. 1790 Census — JOSEPH, in Stokes, 1790 — JUDITH m. John Barner, 1797 — WILLIAM, youngest son, m. Theodosia — ANNA, m. John Damron, our ancestor, b. 1757 — EDE, youngest dau. m. William Glenn, 1791, Orange Co., N.C.

1. JOSEPH, b. 1781
2. SOLOMON, b. 1783
3. BETSEY, m. Taylor Nelson, 1817
4. JUDITH, b. 1787
5. WILLIAM, b. 1789
6. JOHN, b. 1791, Virginia, m. Elizabeth Shultz
7. GEORGE, b. 1793, m. Elizabeth Heap, 1817, Illinois
8. POLLY b. 1793
9. NOBLE LADD, b. 1795
10. ANNA, b. 1797
11. MOSES, b. 1799 m. Susan McLain
12. CONSTANTINE LADD b. 1801, dau. Susan Emmaline
13. HULDAH MAJORS b. 1803, m. James Addleton, Illinois.

SUSANNAH b. 1816, Tenn. m. Joshua Brock
JOHN SHULTZ, 1818, m. Sally Daugherty
ANNIE LADD, 1821, m. LaRueand Stockton
MILTON WESLEY, 1823, m. Sarah Pennington
LAURA LOUISA, 1828, m. Zachariah Moore
GEORGE WASHINGTON, 1830, m. Susanna Stewart
WILLIAM WALLACE, 1833, m. Hester Elizabeth Ray
SARAH MATILDA, 1835, Barry Co., Mo. m. John Monroe Moody
CYNTHIA ELIZABETH, 1837, Barry Co., m. William Cresfield Moody
JOSEPH WARREN, b. 1841, Barry County, Mo., m. Margaret Phoebe Freeman.

Children by 2d wife, said to be sister of Anna Ladd (Damron):

14. David b. 1807
15. SUCKEY b. 1809
16. AGNES b. Tenn. 1811, m. Stephen Gill
17. ELVIRA 1815, m. Hall Whiteaker
19. MALISSA, 1818
20. NOAH THOMPSON

1. THE DAMRONS IN ILLINOIS.

Mrs. Pearce wrote me about the trip to Illinois: "While we were in southern Illinois where John and Cynthia both died (she 1843) those descendants said that John and Cynthia came from Louisiana on a big flat boat up the river to Illinois, had all of their furnishings with them in a big board chest; all of this was new to me, but the only data that I had on John, Sr. was what Agnes told the Census Bureau in southern Illinois in about 1850; said that she was b. 1811 in Tennessee. No, I have this in the Family Register. I call it their Bible, but they have written on it Family Register." She enclosed a copy of a letter from Mariam Damron Cropper saying: "The people in Illinois don't know the year John and Cynthia arrived on the flat boat. It was the Mississippi River. Martha June had written a theme about it when she was in high school. Her grandfather was alive then and she got her material from him. In it she says they landed in JacksonCounty. Of course, it wasn't Jackson then, but probably that was about the right place. Dr. Ballance in Marion said it was across the river and up slightly from Cape Girardeau. Would that be about right for Randolph's Landing? Remember that in John's Will, he mentions each of the children except Solomon? I think Sollymust have died young, without leaving any children for he remembered David's children with a dollar. I had an idea that William went along with him--isn't he on some of the Census from Ill.? But Joe surely stayed behind. He was still alive, for he was mentioned in Will. When we find Jody, it may be where the old hom e was. I keep looking for him... Think Dr. Ballance could tell us a bit more if he would...Geneva told me about him giving a talk at the reunion and telling about the trip up the river. I questioned him about it. He repeated about what she had told me, but didn't go any further... I wrote to Annabel Walker about that story of the bugle being left in the smoke house when the family moved from Texas. She answered that she was sure it was a drum. Later she found a letter written to her mother by my grandfather, and in it he told her about the drum, and that his grandfather, John Damron, Sr., was a drummer boy in the Revolution. Seems to me that if John Jr. had room to carry a drum from Illinois that he would have taken that Bible."

Mrs. Pearce wrote: "I looked up the Missouri county across from Union County, Ills. where no doubt John and Cynthia landed, that is, if theylanded near Cape Gireaudeau, Mo. And I do know that John's son, Constantine Ladd Damron, died at Cape. G., Mo., County. Think he d. in 1850, left a will, no children, only name of wife, a very short will. Union County, Ills. separates Johnson County from Cape G. Co. Mo." She wrote later: "I have tried to trail John on the Mississippi River in Tenn. In 1811 not even Memphis had been formed that early; that wasall wilderness, so where did he take that flat boat. I have written a letter to every county in Tennessee formed by 1811. Couldn't locate John any place. Most of the counties answered my letters. I believe he took Miss. River where it connects with Ohio River. The only way Agnes could have been born in Tennessee 1811 was in some of those early counties on the Kentucky State line. They could have comeon to the Kentucky River, then on the Mississippi where they connect. Kentucky and Tennessee connect with West Virginia. Cape G. Co. Mo. takes in all of Union Co. Ill and part of Alexander Co., Ills. Those two rivers cross each other at Cairo, Ill." Another letter says: "The first county opened up on the Mississippi was of Memphis, Tenn. in 1819, if they did come in on the 'flat boat' they must have been in some inland county and then drove in a wagon and horse to the river. On second thought several of the people say that is the way John travelled around, with wagon and one horse."

On Nov. 25, 1952, Mariam Damron Cropper wrote: "Simply must ...tell you about my almost fruitless trip. Yes, I did go to southern Illinois. I had a fine time trying. Went through everything available in the county seats of Gallatin, White, Franklin, Williamson, Johnson, Jackson and Randolph Counties, also Cape Girardeau County, Mo. Feel certain that what we need to help us clear up the John Damron puzzle has been burned, both in court houses in Illinois and Virginia. I should have found a land grant or deed registered at Shawneetown, Gallatin Co., but the records there have been largely destroyed by fire, flood and carelessness. All I found of interest in Gallatin County were these marriages:

"George Damron and Elizabeth Heap 1 May 1817
Elizabeth Damron and Taylor Nelson 1 May 1817
Charles Damron and Polly Carson 13 Feb. 1823

"Now I think this George and Elizabeth were our John's children. We have on the family record that William married Elizabeth Heap, but this seems to prove it was George. Betsey would have been an old maid, but that is not impossible. I think that Anna was, too. In an 1830 Census of Weakley County, Tennessee, I found a George Damron whose wife was Delilah, and he was too young to have been our John's George. This Charles was in southern Illinois very early, right along with our John. I understand he was a son of a Wilson Damron, who was born in Virginia. Watch for a Wilson. He might have been brotherof John. Also in early Johnson Co. records there is a Milton Ladd. He must also have been of close kin.

"Malissa's marriage to William Choate was recorded in Franklin Co. 30 April, 1836.

"That is about all I found in all that searching of old county records. Had hoped to find something important about my Freemans and Shultzs, to, but not much on those lines came to light, either.

"There are some Damron descendants living in Johnson and Williamson Counties, but most are from Charles' line. Did meet a few who were from John and Cynthia's line. All very fine people. Intelligent, honest, ambitious and always independent to a fault. They treated me very kindly and were as helpful as they could be but just don't know very much about the old folks. They are all Methodists and Republicans and say all the Damrons that they know are the same. They are religious people."

Mrs. Cropper also sent me "Part of a letter from Joseph W. Damron, Sr. to his niece, mother of Annabel Walker, who lives at 718 K. Street, Hoquiam, Washington. The first page was destroyed, but she found this part and saved it. It was written in 1916:

"As to the Damrons being in the Revolution war, they must of been. My father was to young, but grandfather was there about the last year of the war. He joined at either 16 or 18 years of age, just as soon as his age would permit he joined the army; was a member of the band, being a drummer. I have saw the drum he played. He has many times told me his experience when I was very small. Maybe that would be a help to you girls joining the Daughters of the Revolution. My father was acquainted with Washington; told me what an angelic look he had . . . I so enjoyedmy visit with Sister Anna. Accept my love to yourself and family. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain your uncle, J.W. DAMRON SR. P.S. Your father was the fourth child. Myself and wife are 75 years old, being only three months difference in our age. J.W.D."

Mrs. Pearce also wrote: "That southern part of Ills. was originally North Carolina and just a tiny point at extreme part of southern Illinois was Virginia, taken over by Indiana first and then separated and Illinois was named. Maybe John was in Indiana before it was known as Illinois."

Another letter from Mrs. Pearce says: "The genealogist found a John Damron in Wilkes County, Ga., 1793. He received several land grants in Washington County (all records destroyed of Washington County, Ga.) In 1805 he was back in Wilkes County, Ga. Might be well to look in 1800 Census Washington or Wilkes Cos. Ga. if listed 1800, then go into 1810, need not go any further as I know that our John was in Tennessee in 1811, in Illinois 1816-18-20, have no positive dates on him from this last date until his will 1835 in Illinois. But have no positive dates on him from 1820 to 1835."

A further letter states: "Last summer I had the help of a very fine genealogist. She thought I should work in Georgia. She had located one John Damron there 1787 or 1789, about that time and earlier there was no part of the southern part of the United States opened up except Va., N.C., South Carolina and Georgia. I really did some work on that. Found the John in Wilkes County, Ga. In 1799 he received several thousand acres of land in Washington Co., Ga. (That was mostly all given to Rev. soldiers). He sold all of this land, went back to Wilkes county in 1805, but with all of these deeds no wife signed with him (was trying to find Anna signing deeds.) After 1805 he was not to be found again. Simply lost him in Ga."

She also found in Georgia Capt. John Dooley, officer of the company in which George Damron served in the Revolution under command of "Col. White in the State of Virginia and County of Pitsylvania in March, 1777," according to his pension declaration which I found in the Pension Bureau. He lived in Halifax, Va. until moving to LincolnCounty, N.C., where I found him in the Census for 1820 with J. Damron, and other names there are similar to those of our Damron family. She said she found Capt. Dooley "in Harrison data of Virginia, Richard Harrison, b. Goochland Co., Va. Sept. 10, 1757, moved to Caswell Co., N.C. 1775, was a Rev. soldier & was discharged after 5 or 6 weeks service abt. Dec. 1, 1776, service from Pittsylvania Co., Va. to Georgia under Capt. John Dooley & Lt. Boswell Smith. In Ga. Capt. Dooley was killed. I was discharged in Wilkes Co., Ga. spring of 1778 and came home, moved to Albemarle 1784 & was pensioned there Oct. 13, 1832."

Mrs. Pearce also reported that "Every census for Tennessee counties were searched for 1800. No John Damron to be found." She said there were no marriages registered in South Carolina until 1911. She also wrote that "I believe John Damron went to Ky. awhile. My reason for this is that one John T. Damron fought in the War of 1812 from Ky. then later either he, or possibly a Jr., was right with our John in Ills. 1818-20, etc. Our John maybe was his uncle. I have a letter from a Damron in or near Chicago. She said: 'I believe your John T. Damron, 1821, Kentucky, was an older brother of my grandfather Samuel Damron. I recall now that a John Damron called Black John who was very dark for a Damron, used to come to my grandfather's house for visits. He may have been a half-brother. They came from Va. in 1821 and stopped first in

Russell County, Va., then to Ky. and on to what is now West Va. but then was Virginia. If you feel he might have come from Wayne Co., I mean your John Damron, the one who m. Cynthia Thompson, you might find out by writing to Mr. A.P. Queen, Clerk of the County Court, Wayne, W.Va. All of the records there are in grand condition, recently revised and indexed. There are worlds of Thompsons in that county." That lady says this too: "My grandfather was quite a Bard; wrote songs and sang at weddings, as did his father before him. I think the John T. Damron of the War of 1812 was the father of the John T. in Ky. 1821."

Mrs. Pearce: "About John C. Dameron, I have located one in Caswell Co., N.C. I located a John Damron getting land there 1799. I am getting that deed. They wrote me that a John C. Damron died there 1821." These Caswell County Damrons came from the Brunswick County, Va. family. In 1828 John Dameron m. Nancy Love in Caswell, and in 1841 John Dameron m. Cathrine Evans; in 1834 John Dameron m. Jane Richmond.

In Richmond I searched the War of 1812 Muster Roll and Payroll of Militia, Archives Virginia Library, p. 126, Muster Roll of Capt. Thos. Beacham's Co. of Va. Militia, 37 Regt. Lt. Col. T.D. Downing, serv. Apr. to July and 7-11 Nov. 1813, I found John C. Dameron, 20 days service, Luke Dameron, Jr. twenty days and Wm. Dameron Jr. 20 days. In Northumberland I found in Book 21, p. 459, a deed to John C. Dameron, of 1818, from John Mealy of St. Stephens parish. Witnesses were William Damron and Polly Mealy.

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Mariam Damron Cropper wrote to me: "I have never found any proof of the county John Damron was born in. Do find where my father said that Grandpa and 'Uncle Billey' had records saying that he was born in Virginia. My father hired a lot of professional help, and I have found so many errors in it that I am inclined to doubt that there ever was any real proof that he was born in Northumberland. I have been completely through the 1790 census. John Damron just isn't in it. The only census that I have ever seen him on is the 1818 one of Franklin County, Ill. Both Johns are on that one. Have also been looking for Joseph on any census. He was still alive when his father made out that will but we never hear of him being in Illinois. Have been writing to an elderly lady in Vienna, Ill., a descendant of Elvira Damron Whitaker. I did find an excellent history on Johnson County, Ill. by a Mrs. Chapman. She says there was a Charles Damron, son of _ilson Damron, who was in Johnson Co. right along with our John. I have been trying to find some of John Sr.'s children in the 1850 census. So far have had no luck. I met a young man recently who told me that there are still lots of Damerons in Caswell Co., N.C. From my notes, I glean that there were possibly two different branches of the family who went into that section, or rather the French Damerons and the English ones. Am not going to be too surprised if we even find marriages between the two."

I may note here that there is a Handbook of County Records, Bulletin No. 32, North Carolina Historical Commission, Raleigh, N.C. There is also one for Tennessee, $1, which may be ordered from Austin P. Foster, Asst. State Librarian, Nashville, Tenn. The State Highways Commission, Richmond, Virginia, puts out a wonderful map of Virginia showing the counties, which is necessary in working or studying over the genealogy of this state. They send it out free, I believe. They also have the Hornbook of Virginia History, which shows when the Counties were formed at the Historical Commission, Richmond, Va.

ILLINOIS, GALLATIN COUNTY, by Mariam Damron Cropper: History of Gallatin County by Mrs. P.T. Chapman, errata, p. 279, J.W. Damron was omitted from the list of assessors and treasurers. In the index is John Damron with reference on p. 147, but I can't find his name on that page, error somewhere. Have only microfilm of it here. P. 47. Milton Ladd was appointed to survey a route from Vienna to Saline Lick 1820. P. 55, Milton Lad was post master in Vienna, 1821. P. 300, Milton Ladd kept a tavern in Vienna 1820. P. 400 Milton Ladd was prominent in public affairs in our early history. He was said to be a minister but his denomination is not known. He was commissioned to survey land at this time by the county. His mother was a daughter of Elisha Reynolds. Only other knowledge of his family is that he had 1 daughter, Nancy, born in this county 1824. She married J. M. Davdige in 1840, a lawyer reared in Louisville, Ky., and who resided in Vienna a short time prior to 1843, but removed to Pulaski County, near what is now Olmstead; his father was Razin Davidge, also a lawyer of Ky. The mother of the Drs. Whitnel who came to this county from Ky. was a Ladd, but it is not known if they were connected with this family. Another daughter of Milton Ladd married Jackson Simpson when he was past middle age. P. 57, A. G. Damron was employed by the county in a railroad court case in 1885. P. 278, C. N. Damron was judge in 1878. P. 279, First state attorney was C.N. Damron 1847, second A.G. Damron 1878. P. 221, Burnside is in the northeast corner of the county. Early settlers included Harper, Choate, Lawrence, Howerton, Damron, Gill, Whitaker, Burton, and Ballance. A Doctor Damron was among the early (not earliest, however) settlers of Vienna. P. 367, Charles Damron, an old resident of this county, was born in Ky. His father was Wilson Damron who was a native of Va. Wilson was a contemporary of Daniel Boone. He later removed to that section of N.W. territory that made Ill. He was in the employ of a fur company and at one time made explorations into the Yellowstone River country. He spent his last days near Springfield, Mo. The maiden name of his wife was McLane. Charles (the first) came with his parents to this state, and while living in Saline Co. 1818 voted for the adoption of the first constitution. After his marriage to Mary Carson, he removed to Weakly County, Tenn. where he resided until 1832, when he again came to Ill. and settled in the Tunnel Hill township on the farm now owned by John Bonar where he lived untilhis death in 1878. He was known for his good deeds. The children were J.M.C. (2), Samuel 2, Norval 2, James 2, Mary 2, Mexico 2, Jane 2, Drucilla 2, Almus 2, Dr. J.M.C. received his early education in select schools in Tenn. and began teaching in Williamson Co., this state, at the age of 21, having taught 1 school 5 successive terms, in the meantime 'reading medicine', as it was called. It was not necessary at that time to have a diploma to practice medicine in this state. Dr. Damron attended Rush Medical School in Chicago 1854-5, and began his medical career in Saline Co. in 1855, removing that same year to Vienna. He returned to Rush Medical Col. and graduated in 1860. He was a well-known and well-liked physician, and travelled over rough roads in this Co. many years. Was engaged in the Drug business from time to time. He was a Mason, Presybterian and Democrat. Died 1911.

Dr. Damron (3) was born in Tenn. 1824, married Elizabeth Buckner 1850, and they had 1 son, Leonidas, who lived in Mo. on a farm. Dr. Damron (2) married (2) Adeline Standard 1855. Their children were: John Franklin (3) who died about 1915 leaving no children, Emma 3, md. Dennis Wilson of Cape Girardeau, Mo., and had several children but the name of only 1, Owna, is known. Mollie (3) md. T.G. Johnson of Johnson Co., Ill. who died young leaving Essie (4) Eva 4, Damron 4. The children moved with their mother to St. Louis, Mo. (Note: There is much more to this article, marriages and families etc.

BENTON, FRANKLIN CO., ILLINOIS. Notes by Mariam Damron Cropper:

Malissa Damron md. William Choat 30 April 1836 by David Norman, J.P. p. 1.
Richard Clem m. Miss Letha Crawford, 2 March 1837, by L.T. Cully, J.P. p. 6.
Alesey (?) Damron md. Randolf Allman (?) 18 Nov. 1838, by John Davis,J.P. 22.
Ananias Elkins was a minister here 28 Jan. 1843.
Wm. Foster md. Miss E. Elkin 27 June 1844, Alan Garson,Eld. p. 65.
A.D.L. Shultz gave note to Crawford here in 1853.
Mary Ann Daymer md. Wm. Williams 12 Aug. 1844, p. 69.
John McLain md. Malinda Smith 20 March 1829 (here in 1843 still), p. 78.
Mason Crawford was justice of peace here 1820, p. 99.
James McLain md. Lydia Smith 4 Nov. 1839, p. 100.
Elizabeth Plasters md. John Riddle 6 Apr. 1846, p. 110, John M. Rice, J.P.
Miliza McClane md. Eli Smith, Oct. 1, 1846.
Wm. L. Melton m. Mary Ann Crawford 28 Oct. 1846, p. 132.

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The following letter from Wm. J. Damron, of Progress, Union County, Illinois, was probably written to John Cebren Damron, around 1917: "Please excuse me for not answering your letter of several days ago. I have been sick for several days and not able to answer, but am feeling better today. I note that we are of the same name and am quite sure that we are relatives. The original family of Damrons came from North Carolina, just how long ago I do not know. I think about the year 1808 a part of the family moved to in or about Johnson Co. and about the same time, one family of the Damrons moved to about the central part of Ill., and about the year 1826 moved to Union Co. and there has been some of the Damron family in and about Union Co. (lived) 80 or 90 yrs.

"A few yrs. ago a family of Damrons lived in Vienna, Johnson Co., and my folks told me that we were relations, however, I never met any of them, and my Grandparents told me that by marriage she was related to a family of Whitakers in Johnson Co. So as I figure out the matter I am of that part of the Damron family that moved from Tennessee several years ago to the central part of Ill. and you are of that part that moved to So. Ill., and from the way I have been told by my grandparents we are of the same original family.

"My grandparents told me a great deal about my family, but I did not make any special note of matters at that time and I have forgotten just how to put it together. My father's name was Jasper W. Damron. He had an uncle name of Jefferson, George, W., and David. Also he has a great-uncle by the name of Jefferson, all of which are dead. I have been told by my parents and grandparents that the Damron family from away back furnished several lawyers, doctors, school teachers and farmers, but no preachers.

"In conclusion I will say that I am not rich or smart or good looking. I try to make these up by being friendly and sociable. About the worst thing that can be said about me is that I belong to the church, vote Republican ticket and don't drink anything stronger than old buttermilk.

"Hoping we may become more acquainted, I remain, WM.J. DAMRON."

NOTES FROM MARIAM DAMRON CROPPER:

JOHNSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

Index to Grantees: John M.C. Damron to Wm. T. Jones 1856, Book F. p. 437.
Samuel W. Damron to John M.C. Damron 1856, Book F, p. 452.
John M.C. Damron to Sam'l J. Chapman, 1864, Book G, p. 71
J.M.C. Damron to Thomas E. Wilson 1864, Book K, p. 111.
J.M.C. Damron to James F. Graham 1862, Book I, p. 279.
J.M.C. and J. Wm. Damron to Shurer, 1864, Book I.

Record of Deeds: Shows Milton Ladd witness on deed in 1823, p. 93, again p. 97.

Court Records for 1818 to 1828: p. 5, shows Nath'l Pope vs. James Whitesides and John Damron (in debt) 1818, p. 71 shows James Reynolds vs. Milton Ladd and Ivy Reynolds (debt), June term 1820, p. 128 shows Francis Hutchins vs. Milton Ladd and Ivy Reynolds, 1822.

Joseph Street m. Caroline Ladd here 28 Nov. 1840, by Ivy Reynolds, J.P.

Found nothing in Jackson, Randolph, White Counties, Illinois.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

BOOK A. John T. Damron and Mary Bartlett m, both of Wmson Co. 13 Jan. 1842, James Newton, J.P.
Wm. Whitaker m. Betsey Ann Trammell 24 Aug. 1843, James Newton, J.P.
James Gill m. Mrs. Jane C. Fulks 15 Oct. 1865, by John W. Erwin, J.P.
L.W. Gill m. E. J. Shorts 9 Nov. 1865, by John W. Erwin, J.P.
John Crawford m. Martha H. Price, 16 March 1865, by James Morris, J.P.
Book B. Stephen Gill m. Sarah Wright 30 Aug. 1863, by W.W. Young, J.P.

Wm. J. Damron and Mary J. his wife sold land to John Arnold 1856.
John C. and Mary E. Dameron et al sold land to John Arnold, 186_.
Charles L. and Agnes E. Damron sold land to J. Van Trannell 1873.
John M.C. Dameron sold to Beckers in 186_.

GALLATIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

Marriage Records: George Damron m. Elizabeth Heap, 1 May 1817.
Elizabeth Damron m. Taylor Nelson 1 May 1817.
Mary Liddell m. Parmenas Redman 14 Feb. 1822.
Charles Damron m. Polly Carson 13 Feb. 1823.
John Darman md. Nancy Pankey 24 July 1823.
John Smoot m. Lucinda Fleming (consent of father, Wm. Fleming.)
Robert S. Crawford m. Martha E. Johnson 16 July 1835.
Robert Liddell m. Erma Docker 25 Feb. 1835.
Richard L. Elkins m. Mary H.L. Smith 16 Nov. 1853.
John M. Liddall m. Elizabeth S. Juggers, 13 Apr. 1853.
Isham Meadows m. Milly Cane 17 Nov. 1842.

1830 Census includes name of Jessee Meddow. Annual salary sheriff $79.75. John R. Smoot was tax collector in Gallatin County in 1845. Other items on Liddell, Crawford and Smoot are found here, including Armstead Smoot.

Notes by Mariam Damron Cropper: "Gallatin County, Ill. 1830 census. Isaac Freeman is here, no Damrons. Marriages Gallatin Co. 1813 to 1830: George Damron to Elizabeth Heap, 1 May 1817. (Dad's records say Wm. md. Eliz. Heap--this says George.) Charles Damron md. Polly Carson 13 Feb. 1823. Elizabeth Damron md. Taylor Nelson 1 May 1817. (Also in this county are many people named "Buck." Wonder if that Buck Damron in Kentucky was not a nickname after all.)

"There is an article in one of these books about a Mrs. W. L. Bender (Lucy), who went to Gallatin County in 1934 to check county records. She was told that therewere no old records; that they had all been destroyed by flood before 1870. After visiting with elderly people and others, she decided that there must be some records and tried the court house again. Someone said, well, there is a lot of old stuff in a small room off the sheriff's office. They said it was just papers, dirt and mold; the door hadn't been shut for 50 years and apparently the only person who had touched the papers was the sheriff, who had been starting his fires with them. Mrs. Bender went to higher officials, got permission to go through the papers and clean it up. Finally she got them to build shelves etc. to protect the sorted papers. Out of it she compiled six volumes of records. I went through all but the 6th one today. Guess if our John was there, his papers were among those used to light the fires. All I found was these 3 marriages with the name of Damron. Wish we could get hold of this book by Mrs. Chapman on Johnson County."

Ill. 25. In this book is a copy of Bible records kept by Edward Whitaker, III, owned by Misses Blanche Du Bois and Maud Irene Abbot, 406 Jefferson Street, Bloomington, Ill. (1945), which begins with the birth of his father, Edward Whitaker, 1704.

Ill. W 5. White County Marriages 1816-1840--no Damrons or Ladds.

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Annabel Walker wrote the following: "Noble Ladd Damron and William Damron were in the 1830 census of Franklin County, Ill. with their father, John Sr, and I don't think our John Sr. was in Mississippi. I think he was always right in Illinois from 1814 until he died. He might have been in Missouri. I noticed that Moses and Constantine were there. If we could only find a census of Missouri it might tell where Moses and Constantine were born. If you find out, will you let me know. Also I am very interested in where Laura Louisa Damron was born 1828, Tenn., who married Zacharia Moore, and where she located, whether in Texas with the rest of the family. I am writing to Texas to see If I can find out. Jeslyn Harrison is the dearest young person, 34 years old, ex school-teacher, and very much interested in the Damron genealogy. Her address is Mrs. Leo A. Harrison, (Harriman), 1936 South College Street, Springfield, Ill. Her line is John and Cynthia:

"1. Elvira Damron b. Oct. 27, 1815, m. Hall Whiteaker (pronounced like Whiticker) and Mark,[2] their son, was the oldest child, born Mar. 28, 1833. He married Elizabeth Deaton. Martha Elvira[3], their dau. b. Mar. 3, 1866, married Oscar Burris. Melvin[4], their son, Melvin Reed Burris b. Dec. 11, 1892, married Rubye Bynum. Jeslyn[5], their daughter, Jeslyn Faye Burris b. Feb. 21, 1919, married Leo A. Harrison, and has Jane[6], their daughter, ten years old.

"I am going on 70 and my hubband is an invalid; he is up and around buthis spine is in bad condition, the calcium is all gone in his lower vertebraes."

The following information was sent to me by Jeslyn B. Harrison, 3001 South Lincoln Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, on her branch of the family:

I. JOHN DAMRON, b. 1757.
II. ELVIRA DAMRON b. Oct. 27, 1815, d. March 10, 1888. On Jan. 26, 1832, she married Hall Whiteaker, d. March 1, 1844, in Johnson County, I believe.
III. CAPT. MARK WHITEAKER, my great-grandfather, b. Mar. 28, 1833, in Williamson County, Illinois, d. Oct. 10, 1925. He was in Company G, 120th Infantry Regt. (Ill.) in the Civil War, son of Hall Whiteaker and Elvira Damron. He married on Oct. 24, 1860, Elizabeth Deaton, b. Oct. 5, 1839, in Alabama, d. Feb. 4, 1937. They had eleven children, nine living to ge grown.
IV. MARTHA ELVIRA WHITEAKER, daughter of above, b. Mar. 3, 1866, my grandmother, married Oscar Eldon Burris b. Dec. 1, 1861, d. March 16, 1932. They had six children, four still living.

She wrote also about John Damron: "How do you know his second wife was named Cynthia? So far I have found no trace of her in the census of the 1800's, but I might yet. I haven't plowed through our Illinois State Archives in Springfield by any means. You and Annabel Walker both speak of a family book in Ill. of the Damerons. No one seems to have that, neither have they seen it, nor do they have any idea who might. If I could only locate that, it would help. No one in Illinois thought it important to leave records, or at least I can't find them. I will be more than happy to help you. Just write me and tell me what all is to be done. I started this just to please my grandmother. Now, I can't seem to stop. Martha E. Burris, is, of course, my grandmother." Martha Burris is now 88.

A letter July 15 from Annabel Walker: "I have been trying to get proof of John Damron's family in Illinois. There is a book of records somewhere. Jeslyn Harrison says she thinks Arista McElroy's (dead) daughter has them. She lives in Kansas. If I could get a photostatic copy of the records of John Damron's family from that book, it would help toget proof for my niece who is trying to join the D.A.R."

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Further notes from Ruth Damron Dorius say: "That early Union County, Ill. census I sent you had J.W. Damron instead of a Wm. This is Jasper W. along with Jefferson, David, etc. No doubt, they descend from that John in Lincoln County, Tenn. of 1820 census, not our John. It looks like a key county. Our John Damron was already in Illinois in 1820. Maybe the one in Lincoln County, Tenn. was the one that was in Georgia and came up with Crawfords, Pearce, etc. Annabel found land deed for Joseph Damron in Green County, Tenn. (N.C. formerly) 1783. # Also John Damond in Green County 1788. Could beours and John could have lived in Washington County, 1780. With Ladds showing up in Maury County, our John could have travelled through Tenn. down that way or he could have been in Georgia after all. Cynthia could be daughter of Constant Ladd and born in N.C. The Damrons were mostly farm people--too busy to keep records. Seemed very interested in our government and current events. Were God-fearing and majority were quite religious. My father was President of the Society Islands Mission (Tahaiti) in the 1890's for five years. He was a Bishop for 18 years, occupation, merchant."

Ruth also sent a check on the census report of 1880 from Johnson County, Ill. (New Burnside) which gave: "Elvira Whiteker, 64 years, widow, housekeeper (has rheumatism), born Ill., father (born) N.C., mother (born) N.C."

I received a letter from Mrs. Walter Towner Jewell, saying "My husband's great-grandmother was Nancy Dameron b. ab. 1800 prob. Lincoln Co., Tenn. and m. Elisha Powers. Her father was Joseph Dameron, who m. Elizabeth Haynie. Joseph had a wealthy brother John who lived six miles from Salem in Lincoln Co., Tenn."

II. JOHN DAMRON 1791-1856 AND SARAH ELIZABETH SHULTZ 1799-1861

II. JOHN DAMRON, JR. was born May 19, 1791, in Virginia, and died 1856 in Ellis County, Texas. The 1850 Census lists his family in Henderson County, Texas, as follows: "John Damron, age 59, farmer, born Virginia, value of Real Estate $640; Sarah Damron, age 51, wife, born Kentucky; George W. Damron, age 20, born Tennessee; William W. age 17; born Tennessee; Sarah M. age 14, b. Missouri; Cintha Elizabeth, age 12, born Missouri; Joseph W. age 9, b. Missouri." Four of the children were born in Weakley County, Tennessee, up to 1833, and the three youngest were born in Barry County, Missouri, from 1835 to 1841, after which they moved to Texas. Sarah Matilda Moody said, "My mother's father, John Damron, was district judge of the county."

John Damron, Jr. was the son of Capt. John Damron b. January 12, 1757, and Anna Ladd, born March 4, 1765, died Feb. 8, 1804. He was the fourth son and in the will of John Damron,Sr., dated Sept. 5, 1835, Franklin County, Illinois, it is stated: "To my son John I give my large Family Bible . . . I do here by appoint my wife as Executrix and my son John Damron, and my worthy friend Joseph Kuykendall, Executors, of this my last will and testament."

John Damron married Sarah Elizabeth Shultz, born April 18, 1799, in Adair County, Kentucky, died about 1861, daughter of John Rudishill Shultz, b. 1769 in Pennsylvania, who died 1855, and Susannah McLain b. 1772 in Pennsylvania. Their children were:

1. John McLain Shultz b. about 1792
2. David Shultz b. 1794
3. Charles McLain b. 1796, died in Missouri, m. Mary _____.
4. Joseph b. 1798, m. Cynthia _____.
5. Sarah Elizabeth b. 18 April, 1799, in Adair County, Ky. m. John Damron.

(Above was taken from the W.W. Damron records. McLain is a Scottish name but the Shultz family is said to be Pennsylvania Dutch."

John Damron and Sarah Elizabeth Shultz had ten children:

*1. Susannah b. 1816 in Tennessee, married Joshua Brock b. about 1811 in Missouri: (Records of Mariam Aline Damron Cropper.)

2. John Shultz b. Sept. 14, 1818, in Tennessee, m. June 6, 1847, Sally Daugherty in Texas, having ten children. She died 1911 in Los Angeles, Calif. He died in Feb. 1905, at Santa Ana, Calif. They arrived in San Bernardino, Calif. from Texas on Dec. 17, 1865, and settled near Redlands. They took up a homestead at Temecula of 320 acres, later moving to Santa Ana. They were among the early American pioneers in this part of California.

3. Annie Ladd b. Mar. 21, 1821, in Illinois, according to the California Damron genealogy sheets, married Benjamin LaRue and Elza Stockton. When her brother John arrived in California in 1865: "About twenty miles from San Bernardino, Annie Stockton, who was John Schultz Damron's sister, met them."

*(Note: In the 1850 Census for Ellis County, Texas, 21 Oct. Navarro District, I found the following: Joshua Brock, age 40, farmer, b. Ky. ; Susanna Brock age 32, b. Tenn; Joseph F. Brock, age 13 b. Missouri; Spencer P. Brock age 11, b. Mo.; John R. Brock, age 8 b. Mo., Elisha Brock age 2, b. Texas.-- H.F.S.)

4. Milton Wesley Damron b. 1823 in Weakley County, Tenn. married Sarah Pendleton. He is said to be a Mason who stayed in Texas when the rest of his family moved further West. He d. 28 Apr. 1887.

5. Laura Louisa Damron b. 1828 in Wea County, Tenn., married Zachariah Moore.

6. George Washington Damron b. in 1830 in Weakley Co., Tenn., died of a heart attack in a corn field, in Kanosh. He was unmarried.

7. William Wallace Damron b. March 23, 1833, Weakley County, Tenn., died Oct. 2, 1898, in Thatcher, Graham County, Arizona, where he was County Treasurer 1888-1890, Probate Judge 1892-1898 and 'an old-time Jeffersonian Democrat." He arrived in Pima, Arizona on Nov. 25, 1883, and settled first at Central, moving to Thatcher about 1890. He had eleven children. His first wife was Martha Jane Allphin who died without issue. His secondwas Hester ElizabethRay b. 25 March 1844 in Carroll County, Miss., died 24 Sept. 1924, at Thatcher, Arizona. He lived in Ellis County, Texas, before 1857 when he went across the plains with his family.

8. Sarah Matilda Damron b. Jan. 8, 1835, at Barry County, Missouri, died Aug. 16, 1877, age 42 in St. George. Both she and her sister were delicate and died young unable to endure a pioneer life. On Dec. 20, 1857, she married John Monroe Moody and her sister, Cynthia, married his brother, William Cresfield Moody, so these families were double cousins. She had four children, but only two lived beyond infancy, Sarah Margaret Moody b. April 8, 1859, d. Jan. 14, 1938, in Inglewood, Calif., and Joseph Milton Moody, b. July 15, 1870. The other two who died young were Helen Matilda b. Jan. 25, 1862, d. Nov. 23, 1864, in Pine Valley, and Monroe Damron Moody b. Nov. 26, 1864, d. Aug. 1, 1866. (For details on this family see The Moody Family Record.)

9. Cynthia Elizabeth Damron, b. Aug. 9, 1837, at Barry County, Mo., died 7 Dec. 1872, in Eagle Valley, Nevada, age 35. She married William Cresfield Moody, brother of John Monroe Moody, b. March 23, 1819, in Coosa County, Ala., died Sept. 26, 1906, age 87, at Santa Monica, Calif. In 1872 he founded Ursine or Eagle Valley, Nevada, which is where Cynthia died. He arrived in Thatcher, Arizona in May, 1886, where his brother John Monroe Moody had been the first settler earlier. The Moody brothers were sons of John Wyatt Moody, the first Auditor of the Republic of Texas, who died in Houston 1839, and grandsons of Dr. Thomas Moody b. 1759 in Cumberland County, Virginia, descendant of Thomas Moody of Charles City County, Virginia, who died there in 1656, Weyanoke Parish. (See The Moody Family Record, by William A. Moody, son of above Cynthia Elizabeth Damron b. 28 June, 1870, Dry Valley, Nevada.) Her other sons were George b. 7 Feb. 1860, d. 21 Feb. 1950; Victoria Regenia b. 12 July 1863, d. Dec. 1950; Milton b. 24 Oct. 1868, d. 23 Jan. 1934.

10. Joseph Warren Damron, youngest child, b. Jan. 6, 1841, at Barry County, Missouri, d. 12 Aug, 1922. He m. Margaret Phoebe Freeman b. 27 Sept. 1840, Concord, Johnson County, Ill., d. 30 Oct. 1930, dau. of John and Nancy Beal Smoot Freeman. (See records of J.W. Damron.) They had ten children.

(Note: There is a Shultz genealogy of Knox Co., Ill. in the DAR Magazine 53, p.171, Rockbridge, 529. In the 1820 Census Adair County, Ky. I found Richard Shultz and John McLain.)

THE DAMERON AND SHULTZ FAMILIES IN MISSOURI

As we see the Damrons moved from Weakley County, Tenn. to Barry County, Mo. and were in Missouri from 1835 to after 1841. The oldest child of John Damron Jr. Susannah m. Joshua Brock b. about 1811 in Missouri. Ruth Damron Dorius found an interesting reference to this: From Goodspeed's History of Newton County, Mo. First pioneer marriage of Newton County was Joshua Brock and bride was a daughter of pioneer Dameron who lived near SARCOXIE on Centre Creek. At Dameron's house they were united by Sq. Vivion and Brock took his wife to his new cabin--all furnished--leaving a merry party to celebrate the event at his father-in-law's. (There is a VanBuren township in Newton Co.)"

Grand Jurors: Moses Dameron, Neosho, 1841. J. K. Choate, Sheriff, 1858. R.W. Crawford, attorney. Methodist Church organized at Joplin 1840.

Sarcoxie is a town now in Jasper County near the border of Newton and not far from Joplin. Neosho is county seat of Newton, which adjoins Barry and is on the Arkansas border. "In 1835 Barry Co. included all of McDonald, Newton, and Jasper on the west, also Lawrence and parts of Barton and Dade; also in 1835 a narrow part of Barton and Dade. Newton was cut off in 1838-39. This change in the western boundary of Barry Co. necessitated a change in the location of the county seat which had been Mt. Pleasant about a mile and a half west of Peirce City (as it was originally spelled) and later settled. Mt. Pleasant was on Clear Creek on a part of 'Wild's Farm.' The new county seat was laid out southeast of where Monett is now situated. On old maps it was called McDowell. It is near the middle line of Barry Co. from west to east but in 1844-45 another county, Lawrence, was carved and left McDowell many miles from the center of the county, so the change of seat was advisable--hence Cassville (Historic Spots in Old Barry County--reference.)"

BARRY COUNTY, Mo. In Mt. Pleasant were Thomas Carney, Thom. Stockton, Geo. Wilson At Shoal Creek near Newton Co. line was McDonald. In Nov. 1842 the line between Vineyard and Mt. Pleasant was changed. Capp's Creek township was set off from Mt. Pleasant and Shaal Creek in 1845. James Wilson, Sr. and wife Mary came from Penn. 1774 to Rowan Co., N.C. Some of the children married into the Glenn and McAllphin families.

BARRY COUNTY: John R. Shulóz, Justice of the Peace, performed marriages 1837-38-39, none after. (See Goodspeed's History of Barry County, Mo.)

Joshua Brock's house was on Shoal Creek, Mt. Pleasant township.

John Shultz apptd. Judge for Tryon township, May 19, 1835.

George Dameron was administrator of the estate of Jacob Cogle, 1836.

George Damron apptd. viewer of new road from Mt. Pleasant to VanBuren, Nov.1836.

GREEN COUNTY early settlers: John Pennington, John M. Richardson edited 'Southern Flag.'

Ruth Damron Dorius also has a note: "J. R. Shultz did road work in Giles County, Tenn. about 1810-13."

1. JOHN SHULTZ DAMRON 1818-1905 AND SALLY DAUGHERTY 1829-1911

I. JOHN DAMRON, b. Jan. 12, 1757, a Revolutionary soldier, m. Anna Ladd, b. March 4, 1765, died Feb. 8, 1804. They had thirteen children.

II. JOHN DAMRON, JR. b. May 19, 1791, in Virginia, died 1856, in Ellis County, Texas, m. Sarah Elizabeth Shultz b. April 18, 1799, in Adair County, Ky.

III. JOHN SHULTZ DAMRON, oldest son of John Damron, Jr., b. Sept. 14, 1818, in Tennessee, died Feb. ____, 1905, in Santa Ana, Calif. He m. Sally Daugherty in Texas June 6, 1847, and had ten children. She was b. Jan. 6, 1829, d. Feb. 19, 1911, in Los Angeles, Calif. The following is quoted from a mimeographed pamphlet of the Damron Family Organization, President, George Damron, 4428 Cohuenga Boulevard, North Hollywood,Calif., Secretary, Cora Neece, 215 5th Street; Montebello, Calif., which holds reunions every year in Orange, Calif.

"John Shultz Damron and Sally Daugherty met and were married in Texas. They had ten children. Nathaniel, the oldest, died at the age of two. After the war, John and Sally Damron lost all they had and on March 17, 1865, started for Sonora, Mexico. In San Antonio the family changed their minds for they met a wagon train which was coming to California. They sold their oxen and bought four mules and a wagon and started out, coming over the route known as the Butterfield Stage Route. On December 17, 1865, they arrived in San Bernardino. About twenty miles from San Bernardino, Annie Stockton, who was John Shultz Damron's sister, met them. Finally the family settled near Redlands. Here their son,Willie, was born. He died at the age of two years in Temecula, where John took up a homestead of 320 acres. Later John and his family moved to Santa Ana, where John Shultz Damron died in February, 1905. Sally Daugherty Damron died in Los Angeles at the home of their daughter Laura Louise (Lou) in 1911.

"When in 1865, March 17, John Shultz Damron, his wife Sally Daugherty, and their children started with all their worldly possessions for California from Texas (they were nine months on the road), they probably dreamed of establishing a home where their children could prosper. But that their family should increase until, less than 75 years later, almost 100 of their descendants should gather for a reunion almost within a stone's throw of the spot where they lived soon after reaching the Pacific coast, could not have entered their minds. Yet each year since 1936, more than 115 relatives and friends of the Damrons have met near the old home site. Once a brushy, cactus-studded region, the meeting place is now a public park in Orange County, the richest county, per capita, in the United States. This county park was chosen because it is most convenient for the relatives. The reunions, which include a picnic lunch, are held the last Sunday in August. (Note: the notice says the reunion is held at Orange City Park, Orange, Calif. At the end of Glassell St., turn south at center of Orange, which is Glassell St., and go to end of street. Park is on Santiago Creek. Secy.) . . .

"Of the children who came to California with their parents, John, Jack and Joe died before the custom of holding reunions was established. Their widows and the remainder of the family honor the memory of these men, whose lives exemplified humanity at its best. Sallie, who was Jack's wife and mother of his four children, lives near their old home in Tulare; while Mollie, Joe's widow, who bore him six children, lives in Santa Ana. John's descendants live in San Diego County."

Mrs. O. V. Blackburn wrote the following; of 6400 West Boulevard, Los Angeles:

"John S. Damron and his wife Sally left Texas in March 1865, on the 17th, and arrived in California in December, 1865. They were nine months on the road. They left Trinadad, Kaufman County, Texas, by ox team and went as far as San Antone where they traded for small mules. They had intended to settle in Mexico but changed their minds and layed over one night in San Antone, then caught up with a wagon team headed by Mr. Copeland. The train ahead of them were killed by the Indians.

"They arrived in San Bernardino and were met by Grandpa's sister, Annie Stockton. They left Texas with $300 and arrived with $30. They settled on a Dr. Barton place on Cottonwood, and later took up a claim in Temecula, Riverside County. Grandpa and a cousin William burnt charcoal for the miners and Grandma and my mother knitted socks and sold them to keep the family going. They later settled in Orange County. Grandpa (John Shultz Damron) died in Santa Ana and is interred in the Fairhaven Cemetery there. Grandma died in Los Angeles, and is interred in Fairhaven Cemetery, Santa Ana. Others interred in Fairhaven Cemetery are Nancy, Laura Louisa, Joseph and Charlie. In Tulare County, Calif. are interred Amanda and Andrew Jackson Damron." Mrs. Blackburn Lists Sally Daugherty b. Indians, married by Squire Wilson in 1847 in Texas.

The ten children of John Shultz Damron and Sally Daugherty were:

1. Nathaniel Case or Cass, b. Oct. 1, 1848, Texas, lived only a short time, d. Feb. 22,1854. (Mrs. Blackburn's records from the Family Bible say he was b. Nov. 1, 1848, d. in Texas Feb. 22, 1856. "Cass born and died in Trinadad, Texas."

2. Laura Louisa Damron b. Feb. 8, 1850, in Trinadad, Kaufman County, Texas, d. May 12, 1944, Los Angeles, Calif., m. John Colman Bedford, Feb. 17, 1870. They had nine children.

3. John Randolph Damron b. Jan. 8, 1852, in Texas, m. Emily Wilshire 29 Dec. 1874. "John's descendants live in San Diego County," Calif.

4. Nancy E. Damron, b. Oct. 24, 1853, died _____ 1900. She married Henry S. Pankey Jan. 17, 1872, and lived in Santa Ana. "The family still live in and around Santa Ana, and all own large orange groves." Elizabeth S. Pankey sent the following information on their children and descendants:

(1) Jefferson.
(2) Margaret.
(3) Dora m. Anor M. Glines, and has son Aubrey L. Glines m. Josephine Gentry. His daughter is Jo Ann Glines. Dora Glines lives at 15601 South B., Tuston, Calif.
(4) Pearl, m. Ruel Loucks. Res. 15582 South B., Tuston, Calif.
(5) Henry, m. Emma Bercaw. Their son Edgar m. Elizabeth Searles, and they have four children: Victor S., James H., Roberta L., Peter S. Res. Edgar E. Pankey, 13861 S.W. Red Hill Avenue, Route 2, Santa Ana, Calif. Henry's son Robert m. Rosemary Rickard and they have three children: William H., Lorraine and Jeanne.
(6) Edgar Pankey, died.

(Note: The Moody Family Record says that John B. and Nancy were born in Ellis County, Texas. Quotations are from the pamphlet of the Damron Organization unless otherwise noted.)

Mrs. Blackburn's record shows Nancy Damron b."in Texas 10-4-1854."

5. Joseph W. Damron, b. Sept. 22, 1857, married to Mollie Walker Aug. 21, 1881, and had six children. (Note: This "Joseph Warren" is a name frequently used in the John Damron family and no doubt comes from the hero of Bunker Hill, Joseph Warren who died there young, so many counties were named for him, as well as children, such as Warren County, N.C. and Warren County, Tenn. He was one of the first Revolutionary heroes. However, the Damrons could also be in some way related to the Joseph Warren family.) Joseph W. Damron d. 16 May, 1929. His dau. Lottie Ball lives at 1417 Van Buren St., San Diego, Calif.

(1) Nora, m. Izer Turner.
(2) Sallie, m. Otto Lindner.
(3) Lottie, m. GarryBall.
(4) Will, m. Phyllis Black
(5) Dee, m. Hubert Stearns.
(6) Vida, m. Hadley Pryor.

6. Amanda S. Damron b. Feb. 13, 1860, m. John T.Smith, July 22, 1879. (Mrs. Blackburn's records say Amanda S. was b. Texas 2-23-1860, died 1933 in California, m. July, 1878.) She lived on a farm in Tulare, California, and had eight children:

(1) Budd m. Lizzie Best.
(2) Winnie m. Ollie Best
(3) Nancy m. Fred Gastineau.
(4) Lucy m. Alfred Spuhler.
(5) Cora m. Fred Neece. She is Secretary of the Damron Family Organization, 215 5th Street, Montebello, Cal.
(6) Charles m. Martha Zimmerman.
(7) Arthur.
(8) Lloyd.

7. Andrew Jackson Damron b. March 31, 1862, m. Sally (Sarah?) Smith, 1886, and lived in Tulare, Calif. They had four children:

(1) James m. Flora Renaud.
(2) Mary m. Frank Snively.
(3) Walter m. GertrudeSnively.
(4) Lela, m. Joe Renaud.

Walter Damron lives at Tulare, Calif. Box 255, Route 1.

8. Milton W. Damron b. Nov. 6, 1864, m. Mary E.Dyche, Mar. 27, 1887.

9. William Nathaniel Damron b. Nov. 11, 1868, at Redlands, San Bernardino Co., Calif. died July 22, 1870. (Mrs. Blackburn's record says he was b. 1868 in California, d. 1870 in California.

10. Charles L. Damron, b. Nov. 1, 1871, at Downey, Calif. d. 1941. (The Moody Record says he d. Dec. 30, 1940.) On July 19, 1896, he m. Reumah Measor. "Charles was born at Downey, Nov. 1, 1871, soon after the family arrived in California. He was the manager of a creamery in Los Angeles before his retirement. He lives at Huntington Park, when he is not yachting, hunting or fishing." His son was:

(1) Dr. Milton Herbert Damron, m. Elta Andrews. Res. Cypress, Calif.

(1) LAURA LOUISA DAMRON AND JOHN C. BEDFORD, OF CALIFORNIA

I. CAPT. JOHN DAMRON, b. 1757, m. Anna Ladd b. 1765.

II. JOHN DAMRON,JR. b. May 19, 1791, in Virginia, d. 1856, in Texas, Ellis County; m. Sarah Elizabeth Shultz b. April 18, 1799, in Adair County, Ky.

III. JOHN SHULTZ DAMRON b. Sept. 14, 1818, in Tennessee, d. 1905, in Calif. His wife was Sally Daugherty b. Indiana, m. in 1847 by Squire Wilson to John Shultz Damron.

IV. LAURA LOUISA DAMRON, daughter of above John Shultz Damron, b. Feb. 8, 1850, in Texas, died May 12, 1944, in California. To quote again from the Damron Family Organization pamphlet: "Laura Louise (Lou), who married John C. Bedford Feb. 17, 1870, recalls clearly the long trip to California by wagon train across formidable desert wastes--days on end of listening to the soft, greasy chuckle of the hubs,plodding hoofbeats, and slap and creak of sweat-lathered harness, and the grinding, crunching rumble of the wheels over the old Southern Emigrant Trail. Lou (Laura) whose husband is dead, lives in Los Angeles. The couple had seven children. Lou has attended three of the family reunions. She is 88 years old and says, 'I'll be at the next one.' She is a grand old lady, very active and well. She, Charley and Milton are the only ones still living of the ten children." This was written about 1940, and she lived to see several reunions. When I visited the Damrons in California, there was only Milton left of the three survivors, in 1952.

She married John Colman Bedford Feb. 17, 1870, in California. This marriage is listed in the Ligon Genealogy, and the spelling should be Coleman, which is one of the F.F.V. families of Virginia, as also are the Damerons and Bedfords. I ran across these families in Cumberland County where Dr. Thomas Moody was born in1759, ancestor of the two Moody brothers who married Sarah Matilda Damron and Cynthia Elizabeth Damron. (And incidentally, this should be spelled Dameron.) Robt. Coleman had a land grant of 450 acres on the Appomattox River, Oct. 12, 1665, next Robt. Coleman Sr.'s line (Essex Land Grants.) In the Cumberland County Order Book for 1749-1751-62, I noticed that Stephen Bedford, Gentleman, was one of the Justices of the Court, p. 360; also noted on p. 321, 330, in 1755. He was the ancestor of the Bedford who married Laura Louisa Damron. There is an indenture from Bedford to Ligon and Clark, p. 190, 212. John Coleman is also listed several times. I also found a reference where Bedford was one of the chief Revolutionary figures in his region.

Mrs. O.V. Blackburn sent me the following genealogy listing the birth of John Colman Bedford as 1833, d. 1923: The children were all born in California.

1. William C. Bedford, b. Downey, Calif. Nov. 28, 1871, d. Oct. 17, 1939, m. Eva Jasper.
2. Elizabeth, b. Downey, March 20, 1873, d. Sept. 15, 1904, m. Charles Lukin.
3. Anna L. b. March 18, 1874, m. Will Jasper.
4. Lola Severe b. May 2, 1876, m. Richard Mitchell.
5. Joseph b. Apr. 11, 1879, d. May 30, 1891.
6. Mattie Lee b. May 6, 1881, d. Aug. 1 , 1915, m. Herbert Ivy.
7. Laura Elsie b. Aug. 5, 1885.
8. Fredericka Louisa, b. Nov. 26, 1888, m. O.V. Blackburn, 6400 West Boulevard, Los Angeles, 43, Calif.
9. Rae Colman b. Apr. 9, 1894.

(2) JOHN RANDOLPH DAMRON AND EMILY WILSHIRE, OF CALIFORNIA

I. CAPT. JOHN DAMRON, b. Jan. 12, 1757, and Anna Ladd, b. March 4, 1765.

II. JOHN DAMRON, JR. b. May 19, 1791, in Virginia, d. 1856 in Texas, m. Sarah Elizabeth Shultz b. April 18, 1799, in AdairCounty, Kentucky.

III. JOHN SHULTZ DAMRON b. Sept. 14, 1818, in Tennessee, d. 1905, in California, m. Sally Daugherty b. Indiana, m. in 1847 by Squire Wilson to John Shultz Damron.

IV. JOHN RANDOLPH DAMRON b. Jan. 8, 1852, in Texas, m. Emily Wilshire 29 Dec. 1874. Their children were:

1. George Wilshire Damron b. Dec. 26, 1875, in Santa Ana, Calif., Res. 4428 Cohuenga Boulevard, North Hollywood, Calif. On Nov. 28, 1904, he m. Florence Helm, in San Jacinto, Calif. Their children were:

   (1) Thelma, died age eight.
   (2) Annette m. Cecil L. Gillett.
   (3) Faye m. Dr. William G. Woodman.
   (4) Bessie m. EdwinAddison Carter.
   (5) Georgia m. Joseph Dahn Brunner.

2. John Damron, Jr., m. Susie Damron.

3. Laura Damron m. Chas. McNaught.

The following note from George W. Damron was received in 1953: "Born December 26, 1875, Santa Ana, California. Oldest son of John Randolph Damron and Emily Wilshire Damron. Raised in Orange County and San Diego County.. Married Florence Helm November 28, 1904, in San Jacinto, California. Five daughters were born to us, four of which are living. Thelma died when 8 years old.

"Children:	Married To:
n Annette	Cecil L. Gillett.
Faye	Dr. WilliamG. Woodman.
Bessie	Edwin Addison Carter.
Georgia	Joseph Dahn Brunner.

"I am still married to my first and only wife, Florence Helm Damron, and in the year 1954 will have been married 50 years. None of our children are divorced and they all live near us in southern California.

"I was a pioneer of Imperial Valley, California, first arriving there with a herd of cattle in 1900 and am listed in the Imperial Valley, California, records as one of the early pioneers. I moved my family there in 1907.

"I was in the cattle business for over 50 years, also was President of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank in Imperial, California. I am a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Elks Lodge. I am now retired and living in North Hollywood, Calif."

PART THREE:

I received the following genealogy after the foregoing pages had been stencilled:

Georgia Dameron Brunner, 1001 West 19th Street, Santa Ana, Calif. wrote that her husband was Joseph D. Brunner, b. Sept. 27, 1916, Detroit, Michigan, son of Joseph Dahm and Brigetta Zsutty; married Oct. 4, 1941, at Las Vegas, Nevada, to Georgia Damron Brunner, b. Aug. 21, 1920, at San Diego, Calif., daughter of George W. Damron and Florence Helm. Children of Georgia Damron Brunner:

1. Laurel Ann Brunner, b. 10 Dec. 1946, at Los Angeles, Calif.
2. Thomas George Brunner, b. 18 July, 1948, Orange, Orange, County, Calif.

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A letter from Cora Neece, 215 South 5th Street, Montebello, California, June 23, 1953, states: "My mother was Amanda S. Damron and married John T. Smith in 1878, having nine children, five girls and four boys:

"Mollie died at age of seven.
John Thomas married Elizabeth Dorsey.
Winnie M. married Oliver Best.
Nannie E. married Fred Gastineau.

"Lucy married Alfred Spuhler.
Charlie L. married Martha Zimmerman.
Cora M. married Carl C. Neece.
Arthur J., single.
Lloyd C. married Carrie Lee Keeling.

"My mother had also passed away before we began having the annual Damron Family Picnic.

"History up to date: Reumah (Meser) Measer Damron, wife of my Uncle Charlie L. Damron, died May 6, 1953.

"Milton Wesley Damron, my uncle, and the last of my mother's family, died June 1, 1953."

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NOTES ON THE BEDFORD FAMILY: While working on the Moody Family Record in Richmond Virginia at the State Library in the microfilms etc., I ran across some information on the Bedfords, who were one of the F.F.V. of Virginia, like the Damerons and Ladds. In the Ligon Genealogy, p. 759, I found the reference to the marriage of John Coleman Bedford, b. July 29, 1833, Mead County, Ky., to Laura Louisa Damron in 1850, Coffin County, Texas, daughter of John Damron, Jr. Thomas and Mary Bedford moved from Cumberland County, Virginia, to Lunenburg County; near the town of Twitty, which is exactly where Thomas Moody lived, whose descendants later married two Damron sisters. Thomas Bedford was on the Committee of Safety in 1776 during the Revolution and was an important local person. The Colemans and Bedfords were among the six leading families of Cumberland County, Va.

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In a list of "Early American Settlers and Prominent Descendants," by National Research Society, I found of California: Dr. Frank B. Damron, of Long Beach, b. Macomb, Ill. 1880; James Monroe Damron, attorney, Los Angeles b. Dec. 10, 1855, Johnson County, Illinois; Milton Herbert Damron, b. 1897, Huntington Park, Calif. There was also Dr. Logan D. Dameron, Phoenix, Arizona, b. Missouri 1867, etc. (See Appendices.)

(3) MILTON W. DAMRON AND MARY E. DYCHE, OF CALIFORNIA

I. CAPT. JOHN DAMRON, b. Jan. 12, 1757, and Anna Ladd b. March 4, 1765.

II. JOHN DAMRON, JR. b. May 19, 1791, and Sarah Elizabeth Shultz b. April 18, 1799, in Adair County, Kentucky. John Damron was born in Virginia.

III. JOHN SHULTZ DAMRON, b. Sept. 14,1818, in Tennessee, d. 1905, in California, and Sally Daugherty b. Indiana, m. in 1847 by Squire Wilson to John Shultz Damron.

IV. MILTON W. DAMRON, b. Nov. 6, 1864, married Mary E. Dyche, March 27, 1887. In 1953 he lived with his daughter, Margaret Knapp, at 517 West 56th Street, Los Angeles, 37, Calif.--the last of a generation. "Milton W. Damron, as spry as when he romped over the foothills of 'Gospel Swamp,' now the rich Santa Ana citrus district, comes from Oceanside, San Diego County, with his wife Mary, with whom he celebrated a 50th wedding anniversary March 27, 1937. After becoming a cattle feeder, he retired and lives on a farm. 'Mit' was a small child when his parents came west." He told me in 1952 that he came age two and was a cattle man in the Imperial Valley as were other Damrons. He had six children:

1. Lola, m. James Philp.
2. Margaret m. Wallace M. Knapp, res. 517 West 56th Street, Los Angeles.
3. Mamie, m. Ray Tyler.
4. William, b. Sept. 1, 1894, d. March 12, 1912.
5. Donald m. Hazel Edge.
6. Albert b. Aug. 28, 1904, d. Feb. 28,1905.

MILTON WESLEY DAMERON AND SARAH PENNINGTON

The following information was sent to me by Annabel Richardson (Mrs. Elkanah R. Walker), of 718 K. Street, Hoquiam, Washington:

"Milton Wesley Damron was the fourth child of John Damron, Jr. and Sarah Shultz Damron. He was born May 10, 1824, in Weakley County, Tennessee, and went with his parents to Missouri from Tennessee and from Missouri to Texas. He and his parents were members of the Mercer Colony who settled on the Trinity River in Texas Dec. 20, 1844. Mercer was a man hired by Government to colonize Texas. These pioneer families obtained grants of land, 640 acres to heads of families.

"Milton Wesley Damron was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Salado Lodge No. 296 A.F. & A. M. In the History of Texas, Tyler, p. 97, Texas B 13, 1850 Census of Bell County is this:

"Milton W. Damron, age 26, born Tennessee.
Sarah Damron, 18, born Missouri.
Sarah, 11 months, born Texas, died in infancy;

"Living on or near the south side of Little River. Page 129, shows that Milton Wesley Damron served duty on the first Grand Jury ever impanelled in Bell County, 1851. Page 183, shows M.W. Damron home on the LamLasas near Comanche Gap. Page 187 shows M.W. Damron with the Bell County Rangers 1859. This group was organized to fight Indians. Page 212 shows Milton W. Damron, Captain of Company D, 18 Reg. Texas, Volunteer Cavalry 1860 (Civil War.) On his tombstone is "Capt. Milton W. Damron."

"Milton Wesley Damron married Sarah Pennington in Travis County, Texas, in 1846. Three girls were born to them: The first, Sarah, died young. She was born in 1850, Bell County, Texas. The second girl was Louisa Cathrine, born Aug. 16, 1856, in Salado, Bell County, Texas, and married J. H. Aiken. She died Jan. 18, 1904, in Salado. Martha Salado Damron (my mother) was born Nov. 30, 1860, and died Jan. 27, 1928, in Hoquiam, Washington. Both Louisa C. and Martha S. were born on the old Damron farm. Martha S. Damron married John Richardson July 4, 1878, in Salado, Texas. They had eight children born to them. Four of us were born in Salado, Texas. The other four were born in Hoquiam, Washington. They came to Washington Territory in 1887. I have been here for 66 years. Aunt Lou (Louisa C.) and James H. Aiken were married about 1875 in Salado, Texas, and lived there all their married life. They had six children, as follows. Elmer, James and Carl are all dead:

"1. Myrtle, 76 years old, is Mrs. Ernest H. Caskey of Quanah, Texas. She is the widow of a banker and is interested in the Damron genealogy. She has a daughter Christine married to James W. Simmons, Falls Road, Dallas, Texas.

"2. Josephine Aiken married Joseph Bates and lives at Route 11, Box 229, Fort Worth, Texas. She is a widow with a dependent invalid daughter.

"3. Alimae Aiken, age about 60 years, has been head of the Art Department in Madison College for Girls, Harrisonburg, Virginia, for many years. She gave me a lot about grandfather Milton Damron and found the history of Milton in the history of Bell County.

"I am trying to find out where John Damron, Jr. is buried in Texas. I don't think he was ever a Methodist preacher, but might have been a Judge of Court."

PART THREE: THE DESCENDANTS OF CAPT. JOHN DAMRON.

MARTHA SALADO DAMRON AND JOHN RICHARDSON OF WASHINGTON

The following was sent by Annabel Walker of Hoquiam, Washington, 718 K. Street:

Martha Salado Damron was born Nov. 30, 1860, on the Damron farm in Salado, Texas.. On July 4, 1878, in Salado, Texas, she married John Richardson, and they had eight children:

"1. Milton McLean Richardson born Apr. 8, 1879, in Salado, Bell County, Texas, was a corporation lawyer in Seattle, Washington, and died in his home near Seattle, Dec. 4, 1927.

"2. Maude and Mary (twins) Richardson were born Mar. 13, 1881, in Salado, Tex. Maude was a teacher in Hoquiam before she married William C. Winters. They moved to Portland, Ore., where Maude died July 10, 1942.

"3. Mary (twin) married Byron A. Crawford. She is a widow. Her address is 9781 S.E. Stanley Street, Portland, Ore. Care of Matz.

"4. Annabel Richardson was born Jan. 26, 1884, in Salado, Texas. Married Elkanah R. Walker, July 29, 1908, in Hoquiam, Wash.

"5. John M. Richardson, born in Hoquiam, Washington, June 15, 1889, lives in California.

"6. Lloyd L. Richardson born June 5, 1892, in Hoquiam, Wash., lives in Belgium.

"7. Lorain Gordon Richardson, born Oct. 31, 1896, died Nov. 18, 1915.

"8. Wayne A. Richardson, born Apr. 21, 1898, in Hoquiam, Washington, is with the Associated Press in New York."

Mrs. Walker also wrote that she is in correspondence with Mrs. Leo Harrison, 1936 South College Street, Springfield, Illinois, the grand-daughter of Martha Burris of Vienna, Ill., (Jeslyn Faye Burris).

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Alice Mary Aiken of Harrisonburg, Va., wrote Nov. 3, 1945, to J.W. Damron: "I went twice to the Historical section of the State Library on Court Square in Richmond and did some thorough searching for the information which you asked me to find but had no luck--in fact there seems very little there about the Dameron family. . . I have also looked in other libraries. Several years before I rec'd your first letter I went to Northumberland Co., and saw old Wicomico Church built by Lawrence Dameron, the first Dameron in America. It is near a little town called Kinsale. The church was locked but I could see its quaintness through the window. I made some effort to find the person who had the church records but failed... The Dameron family is a good old family and I have been told that there are a good many still living in Northumberland Co... I have been looking over a history of Bell County, Texas, which mentions in a number of places my Grandfather Milton Wesley Damron whom I never knew. According to this book he was one of the first Texas Rangers, served on the first grand jury of that county, was the first tax assessor and was a Captain in the Civil War, serving West of the Miss. River. I am quite sure he was also representative of his district to Austin, the capitol of Texas."

Annabel Walker sent additional information as follows: Sarah Pennington was born in Missouri, 1832, and died in 1876. Milton Wesley Damron d. Apr. 28,1887. Of their children: Milton McLean Richardson's children were: Madeline, Helen and Donald. Donald Richardson is at 11056 Rowan Road, Seattle 88, Washington. The twins b. 1881 both married. Maude had two daughters, Caroline Winters (Barteau), who died 1951, age 44 years and left a son Gordon Barteau, 17 now, living in Portland, Oregon. Mary's two children were: Francis Crawford (Mrs. Ray Johnson), 1111 Hoyt Street, Everett, Wash., and Arthur Forbes Crawford, 2206, 29th South. Mary lives near her twin sister, Maude's, other daughter, Kaye Winters Matz. W.C. Winters is now in his eighties.

"I have lived in Hoquiam, Washington, 66 years and my husband in Gray's Harbor Company 68 years. Our children are:

1. Dorothy R. Walker b. Dec. 30, 1909, married to Roy Sundstrom, her second husband. Both are teachers. Patricia Sundstrom, born Mar. 27, 1933, in Hoquiam is finishing her second year at Willamette University, Salem, Ore. She is beautiful and very bright. Mary Elizabeth Sundstrom born Apr. 27, 1941. 2. Betty, our next child, Mary Elizabeth, b. Nov. 4, 1916, married Robert L. Dudley in August, 1942. They hae no children and live at 14 W. Newell Street, (Queen Hill), Seattle 99, Wash. 3. Richard Gordon Walker, our son, b. Nov. 10, 1915, is a radar technician under contract to the Navy, Norfolk, Va.

"My brother, John M. Richardson, born June 15, 1889, in Hoquiam, is retiring as a teacher, and lives on a ranch. His address is Winchester, Calif. He will finish his school in June at Huntington Park, Calif.

"Lloyd Richardson, born June 5, 1896, will be home from Belgium soon, where he has been for two years. His wife's name is Ann and they have two children. Lois is married and Lloyd, Jr. works for the Walt Disney studio in Calif. Both live in Los Angeles. Alimae Aiken Care of Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va. can give you her mother's line, Louisa Catherine Damron."

On June 5, Mrs. Walker wrote: "Simply am thrilled to death over your work. I found among your collection where Edee Ladd, the youngest daughter of Noble Ladd, married Wm. Glenn, 1791, Jan. 4, in Orange Co., N.C. Her brother Const. was the sponsor. Also Ruth just sent a card that Hulda M. Damron was married to a James Addleton, Johnson County, 1830 census, Ill. I am a life member and Past Worthy Matron of Eastern Star (Mizpah No. 30) and we had a 60th anniversary Monday, so have been very busy. My mother was a charter member O.E.S."

2. WILLIAM WALLACE DAMRON AND HESTER ELIZABETH RAY

I. CAPT. JOHN DAMRON, b. Jan. 12, 1757, and Anna Ladd b. March 4, 1765.

II. JOHN DAMRON, JR. b. May 19, 1791, in Virginia, m. Sarah Elizabeth Shultz.

III. WILLIAM WALLACE DAMRON, seventh child, b. March 23, 1833, Weakley County, Tenn., died Oct. 2, 1898, in Thatcher, Graham County, Arizona. He m. first Martha Jane Allphin who died without children, the marriage date being May 9, 1861. His second wife was Hester or Esther Elizabeth Ray b. 25 March, 1844, in Carroll Co., Miss., died 24 Sept. 1924,at Thatcher, Arizona, daughter of John Alexander Ray and Mary Wingo Young. (The 1860 Census gives her name as Esther, not Hester, which also has George Damron, age 45, listed, Kanosh.) He was living in Ellis County, Texas, in 1856, before he crossed the plains West. The Graham County Bulletin in Arizona of 1896, said of "this well-known citizen":

"Being raised in the south, he was never satisfied in a northern climate and he emigrated to Arizona arriving at Pima, Graham County, on the 25th day of November, 1883.

"When this valley was little more than a desert wilderness, Mr. Damron was quick to see the grand possibilities of such a favored land and he was impressed with the belief that here would be the oasis of Arizona.

"Since his arrival in Graham County, he has engaged in farming, teaching school, merchandising, besides holding various public offices, the duties of which have been faithfully and satisfactorily discharged. He has always taken an active part in public affairs, standing always firmin his duties for every measure that looked to bettering the conditions of the poorer class.

"Mr. Damron was elected County Treasurer in 1888, and again in 1890; in 1892 he was elected Probate Judge serving two years; he was elected again to that office in 1896, being the present incumbent. He is an old-time Jeffersonian democrat and his counsel is sought in all party matters."

"The following incident was told by William Wallace Damron to his nephew, William A. Moody:

"After my first wife died, I was overwhelmed with grief and I found it very difficult to again pick up the threads of life and go forward. While in this frame of mind, I went to my room; after I had kneeled in prayer, I prepared for bed when my deceased wife came into the room and walked over to me and told me that all was well with her and that I should not permit my sorrow to crush me, and encouraged me to go forward. I asked her to promise me that she would again visit me when I became old. She promised me that she would and departed. After she had gone, I was lying on my bed thinking what a comfort it would be to me to have her visit me again in my declining years. While I was pondering the matter, she came again, and said, 'I have come to tell you that I will not be permitted to keep my promise to visit you again,' and immediately left.' The above is the substance, if not the exact language, that he told me. William Wallace Dameron was well known all through the Gila Valley, Arizona, for his honesty, and his helpfulness to others. His interest in public affairs, his honorable method of transacting his business endeared him to all the people of the valley. Although the political machinery was largely controlled by ambitious politicians,he with but little effort, found his nameon the ballot to be voted for, because it was conceded by the party leaders that his name on the Democratic ticket would be an asset. He always received a large vote and was never defeated in any election wherein he was a candidate." William A. Moody.

The children of William Wallace Damron and Hester Elizabeth Ray were:

1. Mary Matilda Damron, b. 6 Sept. 1863, Fillmore, d. 23 May, 1887, m. Martin Martensen.

2. John Milton Damron b. 20 Aug. 1865, Petersburg, died 27 Jan. 1939, m. Mary Ann Luella Cluff.

3. William Wallace Damron*b. 13 Nov. 1867, Petersburg, d. 6 Aug. 1910, m. 10 June, 1889, to Mary Elizabeth Garner, b. Oct. 25, 1870, Ogden, Utah, d. of David Garner b. 30 Jan. 1818, Lexington, N.C. d. 27 Apr. 1889.

4. Olla Louisa Damron b. 5 Apr. 1872, Kanosh, m. Oscar Francis Webster. He was b. 27 June, 1872, in Levan, Juab Co., Utah, d. 24 June, 1933, at Central, Graham County, Arizona, son of Thomas Webster and Mary Elmer. He m. Olla Louisa Damron 30 Jan. 1894, at Thatcher, Arizona. Their children were:

(1) Oscar Lucian Webster b. 1 May, 1895, Thatcher,Arizona, d. 15 Feb.1899.
(2) Zola b. 28 Feb. 1897, Thatcher, Ariz. m. 11 June, 1918, Marcus Claridge.
(3) Jessie b. 15 Feb., 1900, Central, Graham County, Ariz. m. 4 Apr. 1918, Silas L. Jenkins.
(4) William Rawleigh Webster b. 3 Apr. 1904, m. 2 Nov. 1922, Ruby Irene Watson. He was born at Central, Arizona.
(5) Ora L. Webster b. 14 Apr. 1907, Central, Arizona, m. 24 Dec. 1932, Evo DeConcini.

5. Joseph Vernon Damron b. 14 Apr. 1874, Kanosh, d. 8 Mar. 1941, m. Armelda Ferguson.

6. Eugene Damron b. 8 Nov. 1876, Kanosh, m. Harriet (Hattie) Moody.

7. Elzy b. 3 Jan. 1879, Kanosh, d. 16 July, 1930, m. Emma Zimmerman (Naylor.)

8. Ellen (Nell) b. 24 Mar. 1881, Deseret, m. 25 Aug. 1907, Harry Clifford White.

9. Hester Elizabeth Damron b. 12 Apr. 1883, at Central, Graham County, Arizona, m. James Edmond Young. Address in 1953, Thatcher, Arizona.

10. Ray Damron b. 11 Apr. 1886, Central, Arizona, d. 9 Aug. 1886.

11. George A. Damron b. 15 June, 1887, m. Flossie Letta Jones, and secondly Christa Lillis Wilkins. He was b. Central, Graham County, Arizona, and m. Flossie Letta Jones Dec. 15, 1907. One daughter was Olla Irene Damron b. 6 July, 1919, at Hatchita, Grant Co., Arizona, m. James Marvin Owens b. 28 Dec. 1918, in Safford, Graham Co., Arizona, son of Dance Elmo Owens and Mary Larson. They were m. 29 July, 1939, at Tucson County, New Mexico. One child was Sharon Ann Owens b. 28 Mar. 1941. They live in Safford, Arizona.

(Note: William Wallace Damron, son of W.W. Damron b. 1869, was b. July 29, 1890, at Thatcher, Arizona, m. Dessie Stewart. The mother of Elizabeth Garner was Mary Louisa Whitmore b. 15 Feb. 1835, in Tennessee, d. of John W. and Elizabeth Burke. Her uncle James M. Whitmore and McLure crossed the plains; James was killed at Pipe Springs.)

IV. WILLIAM WALLACE DAMRON, JR. b. 13 Nov. 1867 (or 1869?), d. 6 Aug. 1909, and was buried in Thatcher, Arizona. He was son of William Wallace Damron and Hester Elizabeth Ray. On 10 June, 1889, at Central, Arizona, he married Mary Elizabeth Garner b. 25 Oct. 1870, at N. Ogden, Utah, d. 15 Dec. 1949, at Mesa, Arizona, and was buried 17 Dec. 1949, at Mesa; dau. of David Garner and Mary Louisa Whitmore. (Note: Mary Louisa Whitmore crossed the plains with the two Damron sisters, Cynthia Elizabeth and Sarah Matilda, and was one of their closest friends.) Information from Mrs. Jack M. Schnepf, P.O. Box 55, Queen Creek, Arizona, shows the children as follows:

1. William Wallace Damron b. 29 July, 1890, at Thatcher, Graham County, Arizona, d. 1. Aug., 1941, m. Dessie Stewart.

2. Lucian Franklin b. 28 Nov. 1892, at Thatcher, m. in 1912, Vera Wild.

3. Leroy Joseph b. 26 Apr. 1895, at Thatcher, m. Emily Brown.

4. Lucy Elizabeth b. 6 Sept. 1897, at Thatcher m. May, 1916, Alexander Chesley.

5. Maude b. 4 June, 1901, at Thatcher m. at Mesa, Ariz., Apr, 1921, Raymond Merrit (Jack) Schnepf b. 25 Oct. 1902, at Pioneer, Iowa, son of Killian Cornelius Schnepf and Clara Belle Young. Their children were:

(1) Raymond Duane Schnepf b. Sept. 22, 1922, at Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona, m. 18 Dec. 1941, Thora Norton b. 3 Aug. 1922, dau. of John Norton and Orpha Maria Marble. Their children are: Duane Dale b. 13 June, 1944, at Mesa; and Lonnie Ray b. 17 Apr. 1946, at Mesa, Arizona.

(2) Delbert Dale Schnepf b. 13 Oct. 1924, at Mesa, Arizona, m. 29 June, 1944, at Tempe, Arizona, Thelma Foreman, b. 16 Dec. 1925, at Sweet Water, Texas, dau. of John Foreman and Viola Foreman. Their child, Victoria Louise Schnepf was b. 20 Mar. 1953, at Mesa, Arizona.

(3) Maudene Elizabeth b. 23 Aug. 1927, at Mesa, Arizona.

(4) Max K. Schnepf b. 22 Dec., 1929, at Tempe, Arizona, in Maricopa County, m. 15 May, 1950, at Mesa, Arizona, Carolyn Ellsworth b. 3 June, 1933, at Mesa, Arizona, dau. of Donald Ellsworth and Margarette Cooper. Their children are: Dana Marlane b. 22 Apr. 1951, at Mesa, and Larrie Dean b. 3 Apr. 1953, at Mesa.

(5) Jack Eldon Schnepf b. 21 Oct. 1932, at Tempe, Arizona, m. 23 Dec. 1949, at Florence, Arizona (endowed and sealed in Arizona Temple, Mar. 1951), Joanne Rowley b. 26 June, 1934, at Mesa, Arizona, dau. of Edwin Jesse Rowley and Rosilla Allen. Their child Nandena was b. 10 May 1951, at Mesa, Arizona.

(6) Don Lucian b. 12 Aug. 1937, at Mesa, Arizona.

(7) Darel William b. 31 Jan. 1939, at Mesa, Arizona.

IV. HESTER ELIZABETH DAMRON b. 12 Apr. 1883, at Deseret, Millard Co., Utah, (according to records of Thelma Millett), m. James Edmond Young b. 20 Aug. 1883, at Central, Arizona, d. 16 July, 1950, of cancer, at Thatcher, Arizona, buried 17 July, son of John Dagbert Young and Sarah Ann Lee. Their son was: Edmond LeRoy Young b. 24 May, 1913, at Fruitland, San Juan County, New Mexico; m. 14 Feb. 1942 Lucile Bergren, and their son Arthur James b. 15 Oct. 1945, at Thatcher, d. 6 Jan. 1946. He was divorced and m. (2nd) Ester Crane 8 Sept. 1952, at Santa Fe, N.M.

THE DAMERON-DAMRON GENEALOGY: APPENDICES.

C O N T E N T S

1. NOTES ON THE ANCESTRY OF CAPT. JOHN DAMRON.

At this writing, the ancestry of Capt. John Damron b. Jan. 12, 1757, has not been found. Nell Elkins Pearce has looked for it twenty-five years along with her other genealogical research on which she has spent thousands of dollars. Mariam Damron Cropper and her sister, Ruth Damron Dorius, have been looking during the past year also. Mrs. Pearce has had professional genealogists in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and elsewhere assisting her.

However, we have worked out the lines of ancestry so that Capt. John has to belong to one or another of them, so his ancestry is here--only we do not know which line it is. He was a Methodist Episcopal preacher and in his day they were missionaries and called "travelling preachers," so no doubt he travelled from one state to another, and perhaps he did not own land, hence we cannot find records of him easily. Also the Methodists were a new church and at that time probably did not keep records, or at least very few of them. I asked Anne Waller Reddy, genealogist of Richmond, Va. to search the Methodist records and she checked Memorials of Methodism in Virginia, by W.W. Bennett, 1871, and found nothing. "Also examined were "Sketches of Methodism in North Carolina and Virginia," by Matthew Moore. Also Annals of the Pulpit, by Sprague, in 9 volumes. Vol. 1 was on Methodism, but this also was negative." There is a headquarters of the Methodist Church in Richmond which has files on the history of that church, but I did not have time to do any research there.

Mrs. Pearce wrote to me: "I am positive of nothing pertaining to John Damron after 1820 and up to 1835. I have no records as proof of his whereabouts between 1820 and 1835."

Now what data do we have to work with? Only a few items as follows that are certain, or may be considered so. (In genealogy you cannot be certain of anything, not even death and taxes.)

1757, Jan. 12. John Damron was born on this date according to the Illinois Family Register, which also says Anna Ladd was born "Mch. 4, 1765, died Feb. 8, 1804." However, it is very common to make a mistake of a year or so in counting back the year of birth, so even this might be slightly off.

William Wallace Damron, son of John Jr., has recorded dated 1877 which said "John Damron b. 1757 in Northumberland, Va." and also that John Damron, Jr. was "born in Virginia." This statement is very authoritative as it was made before any genealogist worked on the material and he did not know the date of the month nor even whether or not Northumberland was a county, apparently, so he was not guessing at it, but merely repeating the information available in the John Damron, Jr. family--this family knew the grandfather, hence would be well-informed on him. Joseph W. Damron also said his grandfather was "born in Virginia." However, in the 1880 census in Illinois, Elvira Damron Whitaker, b. Apr. 10, 1818, in Illinois, FranklinCounty, stated that "both parents" were born in North Carolina. She was the child of the second wife, Cynthia. "It was she who wrote all of that beautiful record of our John's family," Mrs. Pearce wrote March 26, 1953," referring to the Family Register from which the dates of birth of the children of John Damron, Sr. are taken.

This Register, however, does not mention the last name of"Anna Damron," nor does it mention the name of the last wife, Cynthia, who is buried beside John Damron, Sr. in the graveyard and therefore thought to be his wife. Mrs. Pearce thinks she may be descended from Noah Thompson of Bertie County, N.C. because of naming her last child"Noah Thompson Damron," b. 12 Dec. 1823.

As we have no record of his last wife, how do we know that he did not have a first wife and that Anna Damron was his second? She died at the age of 39, and John Damron had thirteen children up to the year 1803, the first born 1781, Dec. 22, named Joseph Damron. That would be 13 children in about 23 years, with one pair of twins. This is possible, of course, but also we must not discard any John Damron we find who might have married a first wife not named Anna Ladd. A first wife might have died in her first childbirth for all we know, but it would throw us off the right trail if we took for granted that Anna was the first wife, as we cannot find any record of the marriage.

1781, Dec. 22. The birth of the first child, Joseph Damron, is the next date we have to go on, followed by births in 1783, 1785, 1787, 1789, 1791, twins, Polly and George, 1793, 1795, 1797, 1799, 1801, 1803. They were named in succession Joseph, Solomon, Betsey, Judith, William, John Jr., Geo. & Polly (twins), Noble Ladd, Anna,Moses, Constantine Ladd, Huldia Majors, or Huldah Majors. The next six were David b. 1807, Suckey, Agnes, Elvira, Malissa, Noah Thompson, b. 1823.

Because of naming the first son Joseph, it is thought this might be the name of one of the grandfathers. Mrs. Cornelius of Heathsville thinks the Joseph mentioned in the Will of 1766 of Thomas Dameron of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland, might be the father of John Dameron, Sr. It is spelled in the original will "Jo" with a little mark over the "o" like a "v," which Mrs. Cornelius thinks is for Jos. I have seen "John" abbreviated "Jo." many times, however. This Thomas was the son of John, Will 1743, of Wicomico, who was the son of Bartholomew.

There is also a Joseph Dameron in Boutetourt County, Va. in the militia, 1783, in Capt. Pryor's Company. There is a Joseph in Brunswick 1782, son of Sarah Ball and Christopher Dameron, on the tax list. His son was probably Joseph b. 1763 of Caswell County, a Revolutionary soldier. Joseph of Brunswick m. Patience Coppedge, 1762. Christopher Dameron, whom I believe to be the son of this same Christopher and Sarah Ball, had a will 1762, which mentions only one child, a son named Joseph, to whom he gave a negro. What happened to him?

The "Jo." of the 1766 Will had brothers Moses, Lazarus, Thomas and Aron. We find a young man, Aaron, in Lancaster invalided home from the 3d company of militia, and also Moses Dameron a soldier in 1777. Lancaster also has Thomas Dameron in the Navy, heir Dennis. (See report of Anne Waller Reddy in the section on The Damerons in the Revolution.) We find in the Lancaster Census and tax lists Moses, Aaron, Thomas, Samuel, William, John, Dennis, Rachel. John and Rachel had sons Samuel and John mentioned in Wills. It looks as if the above Joseph had brothers who went to Lancaster County, as the names are so similar. John d. 1782 leaving sons John and Samuel, Lancaster.

The next certain date we have is the birth of John Damron, Jr. May 19, 1791, "born in Virginia," as he says in the 1850 census in Texas, Henderson County. Now it looks as if his father were born in Virginia if the son were. It is very easy to make a mistake in saying where one's parents were born. If you go out on the street and ask a group of brothers and sisters where their father was born who had been dead twenty years, half of them would tell you a different town or state, probably, as this information is not usually written down carefully. Elvira may have taken for granted that her father was born in N.C. just because her mother was, and she was a young girl when her father's will was made in 1835.

It is stated that John Damron "knew Washington." If this is true, he would have had to see him in Virginia or farther north, as Washington, after 1776, was never in Virginia even during the Revolution until Yorktown, so far as I know, but was in Pennsylvania and farther north. In any case, he was not farther south than Virginia then nor after he became President so far as I know. Hence, as Washington died in 1799, he would have had to have seen him in Virginia before that. John Jr. would have been eight years old when Washington died.

The next certain date we have is the birth of Agnes Damron 31 July, 1811, in Tennessee.

Elvira was after Agnes, b. 27 Oct. 1815, in Franklin County, Ill. where Malissa was also b. 10 Apr. 1818, and Noah Thompson was b. 12 Dec. 1823, in Illinois.

John Damron, Sr. signed his will Sept. 5, 1835, but it was never probated so we do not know the date of his death, even. As John Damron, Jr., was made executor and given the Bible, he could not have lived far off. They were together in Illinois in the 1818 Census. Also Joseph W. Damron said his grandfather "has many times told me his experiences when I was very small," as a drummer boy in the Revolution, age 16 or 18. The first child of John Damron, Jr. was born in Tennessee, 1816, Susannah who m. Joshua Brock. His wife was Sarah Elizabeth Shultz, b. Adair County, Ky. 18 Apr. 1799. The second was John Shultz Damron b. 1818 in Tennessee, and so on.

The license to preach of the Methodist-Episcopal Mission for John Damron was dated Aug. 11, 1836, a renewal, for Golconda Mission, apparently in Illinois. Apparently John Sr. did not die at the time of his will for in 1836, John, Jr. was in Barry County, Mo. where Sarah Matilda was b. 1833, and Cynthia Elizabeth 1837, and Joseph Warren 1841, in Barry County, Mo. Hence, this must probably refer to John Sr. However, a mission covered a big area and it is possible it was for John Jr. Matilda Damron said her father was "judge of the county" where he lived.

MARRIAGE OF ANNA LADD AND JOHN DAMRON. Mrs. Cornelius says this is not in Westmoreland County, Va. nor in Surry County, N.C., also "there is not a marriage bond in Albemarle County for Noble Ladd and Judith Damron." Mariam Cropper has searched every county in Virginia with no results except that she said she found the marriage of Judith Dameron and Noble Ladd in Lunenburg Parish, Lunenburg County, 1753, and also Mrs. Pearce found anote taken about twenty five years ago that Anna Ladd and John Damron were supposed to have been married in "Cumberland Parish." However, the first child of Judith Dameron and Noble Ladd, Constantine, has his birth listed in Goochland records, 1753. They were the parents of Anna Ladd, according to the present findings, and Noble had land on the Fluvanna in 1748 in Albemarle where a ferry ran. He d. in Surry County, N.C. 1782. As to the marriage record, Mrs. Cropper wrote to me: "I've gone through endless records of marriages in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky---almost all of the older counties in each state, but so far haven't found it."

Now as to the theories of the ancestry of John Damron:

1. THE FIRST ONE IS THAT HE IS THE GRANDSON OF LAZARUS DAMERON OF ALBEMARLE. He could be the son of John, whose inventory was about 1757 Albemarle; or of Moses who went to N.C. Rowan County, 1753, or of George. The latter seems most likely to me. George had land on both sides of the Fluvanna (Upper James) in 1748 and 1755, cut off into Fluvanna and Buckingham, 1761. We find George Dameron and Michael in Buckingham Tax Lists 1784, and Michael deeded Fluvanna land in 1793-1801 Deed Book of Fluvanna (see p. 24, Part One). Fluvanna Marriage Bonds also show Dunmore Dameron marrying Patsey Cox 1798 (ibid.)

In 1804 we find Dunmore Dameron in Amherst deeding to John Matthews, and George deeding land in 1786 and 1788, as well as William 1791-1795. Here in Amherst John Dameron m. Phoebe Goodrich, 1813, and William 1787 m. Susanna Lee. This William was a minister, and George was in the Revolution in Capt. Cabell's Co. (See The Damerons in the Revolution, and the section on Amherst County, Va.)

We find George and Michael Dameron in the Buckingham tax lists 1784, and Page in 1798. We find a Moses Damron in Montgomery 1782 tax list.

The Charles Damron of the Revolution 2d Regiment, which John Damron was in also, left Albemarle and went to Richmond County, Ga. He could have been the brother of our John Damron. However, there was also a Benjamin Dameron in Albemarle with Lazarus Dameron.

I found the pension of George Dameron of Halifax, Va. who moved to Lincoln Co., N.C. in 1798, and the 1820 census there showed G. Dameron and J. Dameron. In Halifax County, George Damron and wife deeded land on the Dan River 1777 (see p. 30, Part Two), and John Damron deeded land, 1776, on Byrd's Neck. Sarah and H. Dameron also deeded adjoining land 1797 and 1805. We have also in N.C. the will of William Dameron mentioning Moses, Noble, wife Doshea, William, 1796. (See Olds Wills of N.C.)

In Pittsylvania we find John Dameron m. Elizabeth Boyd 31 Dec. 1795, and George Dameron m. S. Boyd 5 Jan. 1785.

2. THAT JOHN DAMRON WAS BORN IN NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA, asstated in the family records of W.W. Damron and the John Damron Jr. family.

He could have been the son of "Jo." of the 1766 will of Thomas Dameron, son Of John and Elizabeth Taylor, she being of Lancaster County. Thomas, Aron and Moses might have gone to Lancaster, Moses to Montgomery and Joseph to Boutetourt. Or this might be "John" instead of "Joseph", as it is spelled "Jo." The John in Lancaster County on the census apparently married Molly Brown, 1794 and d. after 1800. Mrs. Cornelius wrote: "In Northumberland County 1789 there was a John Dameron under age here. In 1771 there was a John Dameron of age."

There was also a son John of Sarah Ball and Christopher Dameron, who was in Brunswick with them probably, or at least one John was there. Also a Christopher was in Brunswick--who was he? The son John could have gone back to Lancaster from Brunswick, if he did not like it there.

Mrs. Cornelius wrote: "John Damron's father was Joseph and he the son of Thomas d. 1766, but I doubt it will ever be proved because John Damron never owned land and neither did Joseph, his father."

If he were of the above ancestry, it would be as follows:

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who came to Virginia with his wife, Dorothy, before 1652, and had children, Ba tholomew, eldest son, George, Thomas, Lawrence, Jr., and Dorothy, who m. Josias Gaskins and second, Samuel Mahan.

II. BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON 1645-1708, m. Elizabeth, 1666, lived in Wicomico.

III. JOHN, Will 1743 of Wicomico Parish, m. 1728, Elizabeth Taylor, dau. of Thomas Taylor of Lancaster County, Va. Ch: Bartholomew, Joseph, John, Thomas. John m. Sarah or Sukey Tignor and d. Halifax County, N.C. 1777, leaving son John.

IV. THOMAS, of Wicomico, Will 1766, mentions children Moses, Lazarus, "Jo.," Thomas and Aron. Possibly Thomas and Aaron and Moses were in Lancaster County, and perhaps Moses and Joseph went into other counties, Moses into Montgomery and Joseph to Boutetourt, where he is in the militia 1782. This Joseph might be the one called a "Huguenot" of Monaskon, Lancaster, before going to Boutetourt.

V. JOSEPH or "Jo.", cut off with a shilling in his father's will.

VI. JOHN DAMRON, b. Sept. 12, 1757, in Northumberland County, probably at Wicomico Parish, age 9 at the death of grandfather. He perhaps never owned land and went with his brothers to some other county in Virginia--as a travelling preacher. We do not know when he married Anna Ladd but he might have had a first wife before her. He was in the Revolution in 1776 when about 18 or 19, as a drummer boy. Perhaps he received land grants for revolutionary services in Georgia in Wilkes County, which was set aside for this purpose, or part of it at any rate. Nell Elkins Pearce found a John Damron in Georgia in 1787, 1789, Wilkes County, and 1799 Washington County, but he sold all his land and disappeared after 1805, with no wife ever signing any of the deeds. Our John Damron's son, John, Jr. was born in Virginia 1791, but his father, who was a travelling preacher of the Methodist Episcopal religion, might have gone to Georgia temporarily to speculate in his land grants while doing missionary work at the same time. She also found a John Damron in Jackson County, Miss. in 1821. John Damron was in Tennessee in 1811 when Agnes was born, and in Illinois 1815 when Elvira was born.

Mrs. Pearce wrote: "The Archives & Hist. Dept. in Georgia wrote me that there was no proof that the land grants that one John Dameron received in that state were for military service."

John Damron had a two-year service stretch up to March, 1780, and during that time his regiment was probably in service in South Carolina and North Carolina, as the theatre of war shifted there during 1779-80. If Anna Ladd were with her family in N.C., in Surry, he might have met her there as a soldier. The Virginia militia were stationed at Hillsborough and in this general region part of the time.

As to the flat boat story Mrs. Pearce wrote: "If that John in Georgia were ours, then that route could have been taken by him, maybe he could have crossed over in the Alabama (to be) wilderness into lower part of Mississippi Territory, taken boat at New Orleans. I have tried to trace that too, but with no results so far. But we do know that our John and family were in Tenn. in 1811 as Agnes says she was b. in Tenn. 1811, then we do know that he was in southern Ills. in 1815, because his next daut. was born there in 1815. (I have a record he was in Ill. 1814.) . . . John may have moved from Franklin to Williamson or Johnson. Need 1840-50 census on it. Re flat boat story--I have written 32 letters pertaining to that information to Washington, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama. I have worked over time on a John Damron who might have been a Revolutionary soldier of N.C. but have not been able to find a John soldier there."

APPENDICES TO PART THREE:

NOTES ON THE ANCESTRY OF CAPT. JOHN DAMRON.

The finding of a John Damron on the tax lists of Surry County, N.C. in 1771 might be considered to eliminate Moses Damron as the possible father of our John and perhaps the whole Lazarus family, for the following reasons: Our John b. 1757 would then have been only about 14 or 15. The John on the tax list was doubtless the son of Moses or of one of his brothers. It is unlikely that two of the brothers would have named sons for their dead brother, John, so this is most likely the only John in this Lazarus family. I wrote to Mrs. Frank F. Byram, of the Institute of American Genealogy, of which I am a member, on the question of whether a son could be legally of age at fourteen or fifteen and she replied: "To the best of our knowledge and belief, any place and any time a man would have to be 21 or over to be a taxable and own property. As in all genealogical situations, there may have been exceptions. When a father's will said a son should inherit at the age of 18, perhaps at the age of 18 the boy could take possession of his property and be directly taxed on it. It seems quite unlikely, though, that there would ever be such an exception in the case of a boy age 14 or 15. The boy could be an heir, but it is most probable that a guardian would be handling the estate, and that tax records on the property would be listed under So-and-so, dec'd, estate, or under So-and-so, Guardian of So-and-so. Customarily children under 21 were considered minors, and at the death of one or both parents, those from 14 (in some cases 16), to 21 chose a guardian, and those under 14 (or 16) had guardians appointed by the court. Our opinion is that a John Damron on a Surry County, N.C. tax list for 1771 could not be a John Dameron born ca.1757.

"Wish I could offer you a Dorothy Byram as wife to Lawrence Dameron, and I do have a Dorothy, too, but, sad to say, she seems to have been unmarried in 1668. She is simply Dorothy, one of Abraham Byram's four children in his will of that date. Abraham seems to have married a widow by name of Dorothy Clay, hence the daughter Dorothy's name. Often a relative was named an overseer of a will, but I have found just about as often the overseers to be merely friends and/or neighbors. Anyway, Abraham Byram must have been a trustworthy soul because he was executor and administrator on a number of wills, and was handed power of attorney every whipstitch. My Byram Northumberland stuff doesn't seem to include any Damerons or Nicholls--by any spelling."

I also asked Mrs. Cornelius to do more research and she found in Lancaster County, Virginia, C.O. Book 20, p. 262,"May 15, 1783, an inventory of the estate of Mr. John Dameron, dec'd, appraisers Thomas Hurst, Joseph Hester, James Waddy. (Note: he was the son of Christopher will 1764 of Northumberland.)" She also noted that "Lancaster County records should be searched in the State Library, Richmond."

Another item is: Northumberland County, Virginia, C.O. Book, 1786-90, p. 566, Se pt. 14, 1789, 'Ordered that the Overseers of the poor in Wiccomoco Parish in this county bind out John Dameron. Note--this is out of place." As this boy orphan would have to be under 21 to be bound out probably, he would not be our John Dameron--but whose son was he?

"Aaron, George, Thomas Dameron appear in the Court Orders of Lancaster County, 1770-83," Mrs. Cornelius noted. "Moses and Aaron Dameron, sons of Thomas d. 1766, or will recorded 1766, were in Lancaster County 1790 Census. John Dameron, son of Christopher Dameron Will 1764, went to Lancaster County. Christopher Dameron, Will 1764--his sons Joseph and Samuel went to Brunswick with their mother, Sarah (Ball) Dameron."

APPENDICES: THE DAMERON-DAMRON GENEALOGY

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THE LADD FAMILY OF VIRGINIA

With Notes on the Allied Families
of Lovett, Noble, Parker,
Binford and Denison.

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THE LADD FAMILY OF VIRGINIA

The earliest mention of the name Ladd that I have found in Virginia records is that of Jon Ladd brought over by William Diltze, Charles City,County, as one of the headrights for which he received a patent of land, 1653, of 228.20 acres, No. 348. He brought three others with Jon Ladd. This is listed in Early Virginia Immigrants, by G.C. Greer, 1623-1666, and also in Cavaliers and Pioneers by N.M. Nugent, p. 228. Page 348 of Nugent lists Samuel Mathews as given 5,211 acres of land on the Potomac River for transporting 105 persons, including Marmaduke Ladd, 1660. Mariam Damron Cropper found a reference in Virginia Abstracts, 1665-68, V. 1, p. 84, where Howell Pryse was granted 2,150 acres for the importation of 43 persons, including Marmaduke Ladd. The same reference V. 3, p. 96, shows the same Howell Pryse receiving 1,800 acres for the importation of 36 persons, including Edwd Ladd. Under the "headright" system any person received fifty acres a "head" for every new colonist who came out to Virginia under his auspices, usually paid by him. He could collect this for the same person every time hecame over and perhaps Marmaduke was a trader and did some travelling. He could also collect it for himself every time he crossed the ocean and for his wife. Howell Pryse also collected fifty acres for bringing over Thomas Moody of Charles City,in 1657.

The ancestor of Anna Ladd who married John Damron was John Ladd, and whether or not the above "Jon" refers to him, we cannot be sure, but very likely it does. The Ladds of Virginia were among the leading Quakers of the colony and definitely in the F.F.V. bracket with the Eppes and others.

There is a genealogy, The Ladds of Virginia, by Warren Ladd, from which I will quote exactly except for interpolating information in parentheses. He includes the Ladds of other parts of the United States and has them all numbered, so that John Ladd is No. 4380 of a long line. He says: "John Ladd, of Lynhaven Parish, Lower Norfolk Co., Va. There is a tradition among some of his descendants that he came from New England, but we do not think it is well grounded. He probably came from England, and very likely was a relative of John Ladd, who settled at Burlington, N.J. in 1678. Children. 4381. William, bo._____; ma. Huldah Binford, June 18, 1701; 4382. Amos, bo._____."

A descendant of William Ladd and Huldah Binford living in Florida sent to Nell Crawford Elkins Pearce a copy of his Genealogy of the Ladd Family, in which he says: "The most remote ancestor to whom we can trace our direct lineage is, John Ladd, the emigrant, in Lynnhaven Parish, Lower Norfolk County, where he was granted 700 acres of land on the 25th of May 1673; he, however, was a land owner before he received this grant. In the same deed book, page 121, 17 June 1672, John had sold 400 acres of land on the west side of Lynnhaven River, this sale was confirmed and signed by Bathsheba Ladd, wife of John Ladd, giving her full consent to the sale. This was before he received the grant of 700 acres.

I. JOHN LADD AND BATHSHEBA LOVETT, OF LOWER NORFOLK COUNTY, VA.

"October 15, 1666. The Court appointed John Ladd, and John Taylor, to settle a difference between Adam Thorough and Henry Snale, concerning the building of a Church. It seems that the jury could not agree so the court appointed the two Johns to decide it.

"Norfolk County Court House, in Portsmouth, Va., in the deed or patent book (I think No. 1), page 167, gives the grant or patent of the 700 acres, which I copied in part, not being a chirographer there were many words that I could not decipher, nearly 300 years makes a lot of difference in words and the following letters. It starts as follows: 'To whom all these presents shall come: I Sir William Berkley, gentl. of Vigr. give and grant John Lad seven hundred acres of land in the Prsh of Linhaven in the county of Lower Norfolk on the Linhaven River... SSW 40 poles then WSW 102 poles, then NNW 40 poles, then WSW 480 poles, crossing the head of the river, then NNW 200 poles, then ENE 400 poles onto the deeper branch unto the river and down the river unto the mouth of the lower dam creek, then up the creek the same... branch unto the first beginning line. Signed, WM. BERKLEY, May 25, 1673.'

"John Ladd landed 1653, and he must have been well established in 1666, when the Judge of theCourt consulted his better judgment.

"In 1657, inCharles City County, we find Marmaduke Ladd had just arrived with Howell Pryse, and in 1664, Edward Lad arrived. That is all we know of either of them.

"In a deed made and proved June 15, 1682, Anthony Lawson of Lower Norfolk County, Va., Gent. for and in consideration of ye sume of five thousand pounds of porke and one mare, sold to Owen Grady of ye same place, planter, one parcel land containing one acre of land more or lesse being a part of a patent of 700 acres of land granted John Ladd 27th of May 1673, and sold by him to Lawson.

"John Ladd of Lynhaven Parish married Bathsheba Lovett; to thisunion we know only of two children, William and Amos. There may have been others. We are descended from William.

"William Ladd, son of John (1) the emigrant, m. Huldah Binford, June 18, 1701. William was granted 500 acres of land on the north side of James River in the fork of Beaver Dam Creek in Henrico County, Va., June 16, 1714.

"Children: John (4) m. Mary Crew, Nov. 21, 1724.
James (5) b. Oct. 22, 1703, m. Judith Ellyson Dec. 28, 1726.
William (6) m. Ursula Ellyson, Feb. 21, 1731.
Huldah (7) b. Feb. 17, 1712, m. Peter Peeble, Prince Geo. County, Va. She died 1784."

The above mentioned Adam Thorough was Thoroughgood, who has come down in history because his old house is the oldest one still standing in Virginia, and also because his dowager widow, Madame Sarah, managed affairs with a high hand. Paul Wilstach in Tidewater Virginia describes Lynnhaven, and says Adam Thoroughgood came in 1621 in the Charles. "Although two brothers in England were knights, one of them in the suite of the Duke of Buckingham, Adam came over a 'servant.'" Rosemary abounds in Lynnhaven and the settlers believed a witch, Grace Sherwood, had brought it 'in an eggshell' out of England to Princess Anne. She was accused and condemned to a ducking in Witch Duck Point, p. 106.

Mrs. Pearce wrote: "He says the early Ladds were Quakers, all of them, until one married a certain lady who was a Methodist, and he changed. His grandfather was Thomas Mifflin Ladd, b. at Richmond, 1800, d. 1866. His great-grandfather, Thomas Ladd, b. Charles City County, 1767, d. 1834, at a Quaker meeting in Nansemond County, Va. His great-great grandfather, Amos Ladd, b. Charles City County, 1727. He says his branch of the Ladds were Quakers from John the emigrant to and including his grandfather, who married an Episcopalian, then joined her church. Quakers wouldnot take up arms but served in other ways. His father, Thomas M., served through the Civil War. His great-great-great grandfather was John Ladd, b. 1700, m. Mary Crew, 1724. His great-great-great-great grandfather was William Ladd m. Huldah Binford, Charles City County, Va. William was the son of the emigrant who m. Bathsheba Lovett of Lynnhaven Parish, Lower Norfolk County, Va., (now Princess Anne.)"

(1. HISTORICAL NOTES ON THE PARKERS, BINFORDS, DENISONS AND LADDS.

There is also a reference, "The Parkers, Binfords, Ladds and Other Allied Families of Charles City County, Virginia," by Maria Parker Taylor Beale, of Arden, N.C., in The Times-Dispatch, Richmond, Virginia, for Sept. 27, and Oct. 4, 1914. It says:

"The loss of the early records of Charles City County, Virginia, renders it problematical to follow any single line of the ancestry among those families settled there, without appealing to collateral lines, and the absence of Quaker names from the army lists of the Revolution, makes it more difficult to trace those belonging to that sect... A careful study of the route followed by George Fox, and of the colonies founded by Sir George Cartaret and his co-proprietors in America,has impressed the writer with the belief that a painstaking study of the movements of these two great and coincident civil and religious pioneers will greatly assist the student...

"Primarily, let it borne in mind that ... In 1638-9 new settlements were made along the Connecticut, in Long Island and along the Jersey coast, led thither by the Rev. John Davenport (apparently a kinsman of the Rev. Joseph Davenport, who later settled in York County, Virginia... They chose for their governor Theophilus Eaton, also connected with Thomas Eaton, who took up land at the head of Back River, York County, in 1634, and of Nathaniel Eaton, first principal of Harvard University, who came to Virginia...

"The land claimed by the New Haven colony was bought directly from the Indians. In 1641 'twenty English families, numbering about sixty persons, settled at Varkin's Kil (now Salem Creek, N.J.), whose plantations were pronounced at a General Court held in New Haven, August 30, 1641, to be in combination with that town...

"In communication with the New Jersey Colony...was the Narragansett Company: 'the mass proprietors of which were Simon Bradstreet (see Parker, later, M.B.), Daniel Denison (Ladd connection,M.B.), John Willett, John Paine, Edward Hutchinson, Amos (illegible), John Alcocke, Genrge Denison, William Hudson."

"In 1653 the colonists began to settle upon the Chowan and Roanoke Rivers, in what is now North Carolina, but which at that time was believed to be in Virginia; and many who wished to avoid the rigors of the 'Nonconformist Act,' found their way thither. In 1662 George Durant, called a Quaker from New England, took up a neck of land in Perquimans, which was but an undetermined

(Note by H.F.S. There was a James Dameron in Chowan, N.C. before 1700. Who was he? We also find Andrew and Charles Dameron in Northumberland "presented in 1714in court for not attending church" in Wicomico Parish--this usually referred to Quakers who refused to do so as Dorthy Dameron Gaskins and her husband did.)

extension of Lower Norfolk, in Virginia. Although as late as 1678, 'the wilderness between Virginia and Albemarle extending 100 miles." The following year, March 24, 1663, Charles II granted the Carolina charter to eight nobles and gentlemen, among them Sir George Cartaret... With him were many gentlemen from Barbadoes, of distinguished birth... This colony, however, broke up... They went up to the Albemarle settlement and to Nansemond County, in Virginia and...to Boston... an easy explanation of the increase, at this time, of settlers in Albemarle, both from New England and from Barbadoes.

"The Albemarle Settlement, therefore, is the parent settlement of North Carolina... In 1690 a colony of Frenchmen, an offshoot of the James River French Settlement, in Virginia, made a lodgement... In 1707 there was another secession from the same James River settlement, etc.'

"Recurring to the list of gentlemen from Barbadoes (1663) we find... Colonel Lewis Morris...a Quaker (who) followed Sir George Cartaret to New Jersey... same coat of arms as did Robert Morris of Philadelphia... A branch of that Morris family of Philadelphia, settled in Williamsburg, and Charles City, and intermarried with the Parkers of Charles City. ... With him was Colonel Edmund Reade (known to be a councillor of Barbadoes, whose daughter, Elizabeth, married John Winthrop, Jr., Governor of Connecticut, and with him, Thomas Lake... whose brother, John Lake,married Margaret Reade, a step-daughter of Hugh Peters, sister of Elizabeth, wife of Governor Winthrop... These were brothers of Sir Edward Lake, the hero of the battle of Edgehill... With them also at Roanoke River were 'Lieutenant Coll. Higgenbottome, Lieutenant Coll. Richard Bagly and Major William Bates... These latter seem to belong to Cedar Creek meetingin York County, Va... converted from the established church by the Quaker preacher Edmundson, or by George Fox himself...

"The Ladd family, of Princess Anne and Charles City Counties, first settled in Virginia at Lynhaven and preserve a tradition that they came from New England. There were certainly Moseleys, Binfords, Crows, Parkers, Ladds, Denisons, and Finches, whose connections unquastionably belonged to the Cedar Creek meeting, living within the bounds of the original New Haven colony and intimately associated with Princess Anne, Nansemond and Roanoke River. Among them was James Par ker. . . of Boston.

"Note.--Ashmead's Historical Sketch of Chester. 'Meanwhile I, Lord John Berkeley, had sold West Jersey to a firm of Quakers, who at once proceeded to colonize it, establishing their first settlement at Salem in 1675, and another, shortly after, at Burlington, 1682.' Of this latter colony was James Ladd, whose daughter, Mary, later married Joseph Parker, of Chester, Pa.... He was a nephew of the Quaker preacher, John Salkeld... Cornelius (Lloyd) was associated with the Ladds and Moseleys in Lynhaven, and Charles Gookin, of the connection of William Moseley's wife, Mary Gookin, was made Governor by Penn in 1709." He left one child Mary who married Norris. Here the genealogy is explained of these families of Pennsylvania and Charles City, Va.

"The first settler of the Parker family of Charles City... was Thomas Parker, gentleman, who married Elizabeth, widow of William Sharp ('an ancient planter of the time of Sir Thomas Dale'), described as living on 'Two-Mile Creek,' Sept. 17, 1632... William Parker, Earl of Monteagle, was one of the Plymouth Company... and William Parker and Thomas Love are the two oldest names in the Virginia Company." She then asks if Cromwell d. 1655 were not the grandfather of Joseph Parker of Chester, and Samuel and Alexander, of Essex? Alexander went to London with George Fox.

"More pertinent is the connection of Barnaby Nixon, the Quaker preacher, who, in 1822, had traveled to and fro between North Carolina, Charles City, Baltimore town and Philadelphia.... grandson of John Nixon of Albemarle. (See Memoirs of Quaker Preachers, p. 184. 2. Colonial Records, N.C. V. 1, p. 317.)...

"John Nixon was Deputy for Sir Peter Colleton, when Thomas Miller was governor, at the time of the rebellion. This Barnaby Nixon, calls James, my cousin James Ladd. James Ladd was the executor of James Parker, of Charles City, and of James Binford, of Henrico. His grandmother was Huldah Binford, who married William Ladd, of Charles City...

"More striking still is the similarity of the family names and connections of the family of Abraham Parker of Massachusetts, father of James of New Haven... Does it not appear that James Parker, of Charles City, was the son of James Parker of New Haven, who married Mary, the great aunt of Dr. Benjamin Parker, of Massachusetts and Virginia?...

"Referring to the fact that Thomas Parker (1632), of Charles City, Va. had married the widow of William Sharp, there was in 1666 in Barbadoes, a 'Colonel William Sharp of good interest and stout,' a member of the Council, whose son, William, came to Caroline with Sir George Cartaret's colony. Also a John Davis. There was a William Davis, of Boston, whose second wife was Huldah, daughter of Rev. Zechariah Symmes... These unusual names, Barnaby and Huldah are noticeable in the Ladd connection. Also the name of Denison..."

She here gives a detailed genealogical account of these families. She says the Morris"children died young and are buried in the family graveyard at Col. Thomas Taylor's old place in Goochland... The estate called Bellfield bounded on the north by Francis Fowlers.. this land also adjoins the Ladds... The estate of James Parker, deceased, with James Ladd, executor." "This Thomas Taylor is... alluded to in Bishop Meade's "Old Churches, and Families of Virginia,' as vestryman of Hebron Church, near Dover Mills, Goochland..." The writer has not been able to investigate the families from this part of Virginia, which accompanied Colonel Rochester to Western New York...In that section are Parkers, who bear the Christian names of this family."

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2. THE LOVETT FAMILY OF PRINCESS ANNE

While I was in the State Library at Richmond, I met John Harvie Creecy, of 4100 Grove Avenue, Richmond, who had just completed the genealogy of 'The Lovett family of Princess Anne," photostat of which may be obtained for about $1 from the Library, one large sheet. He showed me his manuscript. He is a descendant of the Lovetts.

I. LANCASTER LOVETT, living in Norfolk, 6 Feb. 1638, wife Bathsheba, ment. 20 Aug. 1645, also living in Norfolk, 6 Feb. 1638. He was churchwarden 15 Nov. 1650, Will 16 (?) Oct. 1672, codicil 18 March, 1675, pr. May, 1673. His widow Ann md. 2d James Kemp, and 3d Jacob Johnson. Her will July 14, 1716, proved 1 Aug. 1716, mentioned son Randolph Lovett.

1. BATHSHEBA LOVETT, daughter of Lancaster and Ann, m. John Ladd. She is mentioned in her father's will as wife of John Ladd,1673 (Abstracts, Norfolk Wills.)

2. MARY, also a daughter, may have married William Grinto, or her sister Elizabeth did, in 1684 or before.

3. Elizabeth Lovett.

4. Lancaster Lovett, W. 25 Oct. 1700, md. Mary, d. of John and Ann Carraway.

In C.E. Banks, Planters of the Commonwealth, 1620-40, p. 56, I ran across an item in 1623: "Yorke Bonaventure, Captain Christopher Levett, Master. She brought a party of colonists to Casco Bay,Maine." On p. 207, appendix: "The Ship Lyon, 1630. There is no known list of passengers coming on this ship, just before the arrival of the Winthrop Fleet and an attempt is here made to supply this lack from casual references and a process of elimination based on contemporary evidence... Christopher Levett (transient), Isaac Allerton, Plymouth, Edward Ashley, Kennebec, Thomas Wright, Kennebec," and 11 others. Just before the item on p. 56, on page 55, was a ship belonging to Thomas Weston in 1623, which brought Roger Conant and his wife. Pierce's Foster Genealogy says John Foster, Christopher Foster and others came over with Roger Conant to found a colony at Cape Anne--this is my ancestor, Christopher, who came again in 1635 with his fam ily.

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II. AMOS LADD OF HENRICO AND GOOCHLAND

Amos, son of the immigrant John Ladd, was the ancestor of Anna Ladd who married John Dameron. The Genealogy of the Ladd Family says of him: "Amos was very prominent as well as very wealthy in the early 1700's. On June 16, 1714, he was granted 1,085 acres of land in Henrico Co. in consideration of the transportation of the following persons--21 in all and giving the names.

"From 1714 till 1733, he was granted tract after tract, in Henrico Co. and Goochland Co., the larger portion of it being at Beaver Dam.

"On the 12th day of June, 1697, we find Amos Ladd sitting on a jury in Henrico Co. The Plaintiff and defendant participated in a horse race in which the loser refused to pay because the winner's horse, he claimed, started off before the signal, consequently the suit."

Amos also received land on the Fluvanna River (now called Upper James) in Goochland in 1728 and 1733. In the book Francis Epes, His Ancestors and Deseendants, by Clark, it is stated, p. 88: "Francis Eppes, Littleberry Eppes, Charles Hudson, Elza Randolph, James Thompson, and Amos Ladd, granted 12,000 acres of land on the north side of Hardware River, within three miles of the mountains, being a branch of the South River of James River, thence up each side of the said Hardware River... This branch of the Hardware River, in Albemarle County, is still known as Eppes' Creek.' (Ref. EJCCV, IV, 142. See John Gwathmey's Twelve Virginia Counties, p. 311.)

I looked up the original land grants to Amos Ladd in Richmond, copies of which may be ordered photostated. Patent Book 11, p. 45, has a grant of 343 acres to Amos Ladd in Henrico, Va., No. 90, on the "north side of James River in Henrico, parting said Ladd and Wm. Curd. A.SPOTTSWOOD, Williamsburg, Va. Aug. 17, 1720." Also p. 71, 300 acres in Henrico to Amos Ladd north of the James in Henrico, parting Edward Curd and said Lad at fork of Beaver Dam Creek to Capt. Richard Cocke's line to Cattail branch. A. SPOTTSWOOD, 13 Nov. 1721."

The Genealogy of the Ladd Family says Amos Ladd was granted 1,729 acres in Henrico, 1714, 1718, 1721, 1733. The reason Amos Ladd rec'd so much land was for transportation of the following persons (headrights) entitling those who paid their passage to 50 acres each: John Jones, Andrew King, John Polwin, John Linch, Edward Brooke, Wm. Pinkinton, Thos. Foster, Francis Corley, Rich'd Franke, Glen Browze, Wm. Toby, Isaac Sweet, Garret Auburd, John Gedshill, Benj. French, Jas. Cloyson, M. Marshall, Robt. Silk, Robt. Spardman, Wm. Dodge; and Mark Lifeholly.

"William, bro. of Amos also granted 500 acres in same place (Goochland).

"At a Council held at the Capital, Dec. 15, 1737, 'James Nowling, having entered a caveat for stopping a patent to John and Amos Ladd, for 250 acres in Goochland Co. some time ago surveyed for them & no patent sued out to the sd Amos and John, having been summond & not appearing.'

"Records from Charles City County Court House: 'Jan. 18, 1775, James Ladd was exr. est.of Jas. Parker, also exr. Est. of Capt. Atkinson. The Parkers est. adj. the Ladd's. We also find Samuel and Jesse Ladd acting as exrs.

"About our Quaker ancestors: Matthew Pleasants was called before Amos Ladd and reprimanded for having attended muster, Dec. 26, 1780."

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In Patent Book 15, p. 10, also p. 381, is a land grant to Amos Lad of 94 acres from George II, for ten shillings, the land"formerly patented in County Goochland on south side of the land of said Lad, being the longest of the seven islands in the river Fluvanna, 94 acres. June 20, 1733."

It must have been here where the ferry ran at "Noble Ladd's place," on the Fluvanna. In Albemarle the Fluvanna had seven islands west of where Slate river cuts off below and where the Rivanna enters the James just east of the islands. Hardware River goes up above the James and the Islands are at its mouth. Eppes Creek is on the Hardware and Green Mountains are nearby. Shadwell is on the Rivanna River at the border and Cumberland is nearby. Below in Amelia County is Briery River, headwaters of the river through Cumberland County. The Moodys also lived in this general area, along with the Eppes with whom they inter-married. Goochland was divided into Albemarle 1744 and Cumberland 1749. Then from Albemarle was taken Amherst 1761, Buckingham, 1761, Fluvanna 1777. The island might have been cut off into either Buckingham or Fluvanna. Hence one must look for records after these dates not in Albemarle but in the new counties, as the Hardware river area was in Fluvanna.

In Hening's Statutes of Virginia, V. 6, p. 21, an order is quoted regulating all the ferries of the colony, and it is stated: "On the Fluvanna, from Scott's to Battersby's or Noble Ladd's in Albemarle for a man 3 pence, for a horse the same. October, 1748."

Warren Ladd notes the 1095 acres granted to Amos Ladd in Henrico June 16, 1714 and adds: "Amos Ladd had other parcels of land granted him, viz.: 343 acres on the north side of James River, Henrico Co., Va., Aug. 17, 1720; 300 acres at the same place, Nov. 13, 1721; two lots of 400 acres each on the south side of Fluvanna River, in Goochland Co., Va. Sept. 8, 1728; 94 acres in same county, June 20, 1733. We are indebted for the above to R.A. Brock, Esq., corresponding secretary and librarian of the Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, Va."

Note: The wife of Amos Ladd was probably a Noble as this name was carried down in this branch in subsequent generations. "Constantine" seems to have been used to commemorate the one of the 1766 Will who gave his fortune to Amos.

1. THE DESCENDANTS OF AMOS LADD

I. JOHN LADD, of Lower Norfolk County, Virginia (now Princess Anne), who came over before 1653, and married Bathsheba, daughter of Lancaster Lovett, of Norfolk in 1638, churchwarden.

II. AMOS LADD, one of John's two sons, the other being William, who married Huldah Binford and lived in Charles City County. Amos received land in Henrico in 1714 and in Goochland 1728, 1733. He was in Henrico in June, 1697, in court. The following numbered names are quoted from Warren Ladd:

"Children

"4588. Amos, bo. ____; ma. Commicila Fraten.
4589. Noble, bo. ____; ma. Miss Davis."

III. "4589. Noble Ladd (son of Amos 4832), ma. _____ Davis.

Children

" 4649. Joseph, bo. ____; ma. Catharine Bacey Damon.
4650. Noble, bo. _____.
4651. William, bo. ___.
4652. Constantine, bo. _____.
4653. Amos, bo. _____.
4654. Huldah, bo. ____; ma. Rev. Mr. Majors.
4655. Judith, bo. ____; ma. Mr. Short." He does not continue this line.

(1) JUDITH DAMERON AND NOBLE LADD.

IV. NOBLE LADD, 4650, son of above Noble Ladd 4589, married Judith Dameron and had a daughter Anne or Anna whom we believe was the wife of Capt. John Damron b. Jan. 12, 1757, our ancestors. In the will of Noble Ladd he says, "I give and bequeath to my daughter Anne five shillings." This might indicate that she was either married or living elsewhere, as the other daughters except Sarah received various bequests. The Will was proved in 1782, and Anna Ladd's first son by John Damron was born Dec. 22, 1781. Noble Ladd's Will was presented to the court in Surry County, N.C. Nov. 1782, by Andrew Robinson, one of the subscribers, the others being Edward Thompson, Lizzy (?) Thompson, as follows:

"I give and bequeath unto Judith, my beloved wife, two negros viz., Chloe, during her natural life if she die in widowhood, but in case she should marry again, I will that the aforesaid negroes, viz. Chloe and Isaac to my two sons, viz. Amos and Constantine. Also I give and bequeath to my said wife during the term of her widowhood four cows and calves, 1 feather bed, 1 roan horse and one-half of my pewter. I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah five shillings sterling; also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Judith five shillings sterling; also I give and bequeath to my daughter Huldah one cow and calf; also I give and bequeath to my daughter Molly one featherbed, one cow and calf; also one white horse called Webster; also I give and bequeathto my daughter Anne five shillings; also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ede one negro wench named Dilse; also I give and bequeath unto my well-beloved son, Noble Ladd, whom, I also constitute and appoint my sole executor of this my last will and testament, one negro fellow named Dick; also I give and bequeath unto my well-beloved son Joseph Ladd, two negroes, viz. Abraham and Doll by name; also one feather bed. Lastly I give and bequeath to my son William Ladd two negroes named Dinah and Jacob, which said Jacob is a boy, together with all my working

tools and utensils of husbandry and 450 acres of land whereon I live together with all within and without doors about the same; nevertheless, I will and require that if my wife Judith shall live with her two youngest, viz. William and Ede on my said plantation, that she shall have an equal share of the property deriving therefrom for her maintainance during the term of her widowhood..."

We note the similarity in names with those given by John Damron to his children, one being named Huldah Majors Damron, for her aunt, who married Rev. Mr. Majors, apparently.

"Judah Damarel and Noble Ladd a son named Constant b. Jan. 1753, baptized 1758, Oct. 23." This item is on p. 53 of the Douglas Register for Goochland County (including Manakin.) In this book the list of marriages is based upon the date of birth of the first child. Douglas did not record these items in the Birth Registry. Damarell was one way of spelling Dameron. Judith was the daughter of Lazarus Dameron, who left Northumberland County after 1725 and went to King George. He died in Albemarle 1749 and his will mentions his daughter Judith, daughter Hannah, Winefred Thomas, and sons Moses, John and George. Noble Ladd was executor of the will of Lazarus' son, Richard, in 1749 with John Dameron. Lazarus was the son of George and grandson of Lawrence Dameron of Northumberland County, Va., who came before 1652. Nell Elkins Pearce has traced this line and believes that Moses went to Surry County, N.C. having bought land in Rowan County, N.C. 1753. In the 1790 Census for Stokes County, N.C. in Washington, D.C. I found "Judath Ladd," with three females and two slaves, the head of a family, so this must be the widow of Noble Ladd. Noble Ladd (Jr.) is also listed on the same page with one male over sixteen, four males under sixteen, free and white, three females and one slave. William, Joseph and Constant Ladd are also here.

Mrs. Pearce has been working on the theory that Moses Dameron might be the father of John Damron b. 1757, in which case he would have been born in N.C.

The children of Judith Dameron and Noble Ladd as in the will are:

1. Constantine, born January, 1753, in Gocchland County, Virginia, baptized Oct. 23, 1758. Douglas Register lists him as the first child.

2. Amos.

3. Sarah.

4. Judith.

5. Huldah.

6. Anne, or Anna, married John Damnon.

7. Noble.

8. Joseph. He is in Stokes County, N.C. in 1790, with William and "Constant."
9. Molly.
. . William, youngest son, and heir to his father's estate of 450 acres.

1 . Ede, youngest daughter.

a. ANNA LADD AND JOHN DAMRON

VI. ANNA, or ANNE LADD, daughter of Judith Dameron and Noble Ladd. The "Register" of names in the Damron family gives her name as "Anna Damron." Nell Elkins Pearce, who has done most of the research on John Damron, found the data on her children and sent me a copy of it, saying: "This record of births and deaths of the family of John and Anna (Ladd) Damron was found in a very old book in possession of one of John and Cynthia Damron's great-grandchildren. Cynthia was his 2nd wife." It was found in Illinois.

"JOHN DAMRON, senior, was born Jan. 12, 1757.
ANNA DAMRON, his wife, was born Mch. 4, 1765, and died Feb. 8, 1804.

Sons and Daughters

JOSEPH DAMERON,	the first son,	b. 22 Dec, 1781.
SOLOMON "	" 2nd "	b. 2, Oct. 1783.
BETSEY "	" 1st daut.	b. 3, Mch. 1785.
JUDITH "	" 2nd daut.	b. 4, Mch. 1787.
WILLIAM "	" 3rd son	b. 10, Feb. 1789.
JOHN (JR.) "	" 4th son	b. 19, May, 1791.
GEO. & POLLY "	" 5th son & 3rd daut.	b. 12, Mch. 1793.
NOBLE LADD "	" 6th son	b. 16, Mch. 1795.
ANNA "	" 4th daut.	b. 23, Dec. 1797.
MOSES "	" 7th son	b. 6, June, 1799.
CONSTANTINE LADD	" 8th son	b. 5, May, 1801.
HULDIA MAJORS	" 5th daut.	b. 8, Nov. 1803.
DAVID DAMRON	" 9th son	b. 5 Oct. 1807.
SUCKEY "	" 6th daut.	b. 24 April, 1809.
AGNES "	" 7th daut.	b. 31 July, 1811.
ELVIRA "	" 8th daut.	b. 27 Oct. 1815.
MALISSA "	" 9th daut.	b. 10 Apr. 1818.
NOAH THOMPSON "	" 10th son	b. 12. Dec. 1823."

Mrs. Pearce said the last six are by his second wife, Cynthia, whom she thinks may be the descendt.of Noah Thompson of Bertie County, N.C. Cynthia is buried beside John Damron in the Drake Cemetery, Johnson County, Ill. She died 1844. In his will dated Sept. 5, 1835, Franklin County, Ill., John Damron gives to all of the above children except David who had already died, Solomon, and Suckey. We know that John, Jr. was"born in Virginia"as he so states in the Census 1850, Henderson County, Texas, being then age 59, and his wife Sarah age 51, "born in Kentucky." Mrs. Pearce also found from the Census that Agnes was born in Tennessee and Elvira in Illinois, Franklin County. She also says that Malissa and Noah Thompson Damron were born in Illinois, Malissa in Franklin and Noah Thompson in Williamson or Johnson County. Mariam Damron Cropper and she made a trip to Illinois in 1952 and found in Galatin County, Ill. the marriage of George Damron and Elizabeth Heap, 1 May, 1817; and of Elizabeth Damron and Taylor Nelson 1 May, 1817, and of Charles Damron and Polly Carson 13 Feb. 1823. John, Jr. m. Sarah Elizabeth Shultz b. April 18, 1799, Adair County, Ky. He d. 1856 in Texas. Agnes m. Stephen Gill, and was the ancestor of Nell Elkins Pearce. Elvira m. Hall Whitaker and lived in Illinois. The Moody record says that Moses m. Susan McLain and Constantine Sarah McCormick.

(2) CATHERINE BACEY DAMON AND JOSEPH LADD OF STOKES COUNTY, N.C.

I. JOHN LADD of Lower Norfolk County, Va., who married Bathsheba Lovett.

II. AMOS LADD, of Henrico and Goochland, who had two sons Amos 4588 and Noble 4589. He was 4382, in Warren Ladd, fromwhich the genealogy is quoted.

III. NOBLE LADD, 4589, son of above Amos, who married a Miss Davis and had sons Joseph 4649, Noble 4650, William, 4651, Constantine 4652, Amos 4653, and daughters Huldah 4654, m. Rev. Mr. Majors, and Judith 4655, m. Mr. Short.

IV. JOSEPH LADD, 4649, "of Stokes Co., N.C., (son of Noble, 4589) ma. Catharine Bacey Damon. She died, and he ma. 2d, Mary Angel. He died 1834.

"Children

"4656. Anna, bo. Oct. 21, 1785; ma. John Vaughn, of Stark Co., N.C.
4657. *Elizabeth Smith, bo. March 1, 1787; ma. Abel Lomax, Dec. 29, 1808.
4658. Constantine, bo. March 11, 1789; ma. Nancy Carr.
4659. Nancy, bo. May 20, 1790; ma. Tristram Starbuck, of Guilford Co., N.C.
*4660. Noble, bo. May 8, 1792; ma. Mary Burton, of Weare, Humphrey Co., Tenn.
4661. Judith, bo. Dec. 5, 1794; ma. John Green.
4662. William, bo. Feb. 1, 1797; ma. Isabel Boyd, of N.C; Wayne Co., Ind.
4663. Sarah, bo. Nov. 11, 1798; d. in infancy.
4664. Joseph, bo. Sept. 3, 1800; d. in infancy.

"Children by second wife

"4665. Mary Davis, bo. Dec. 6, 1802; ma. Paul Frazier. Child: Catharine.
4666. Isaac Newton, bo. Sept. 21, 1804; ma. Elizabeth Hutchins.
4667. Bethanay, bo. Jan. 17, 1807; ma. Samuel K. Boyd. Children: 1. James K., d. Dec. 25, 1853; 2. Isabel, bo. July, 1831, ma. John Fayan; 3. William L., bo. Aug. 6, 1833; Catharine, bo. July 19, 1835, ma. W. M. Goodrich; 5. John C., d. Sept. 19, 1848; 6. Mary J., ma. John Kuver; 7. Joseph L., bo., April 29, 1841; 8. Hannah, d. Feb. 1, 1851; Bethanay J.; 10. Samuel K., bo. Nov. 23, 1848.
4668. Amos, bo. May 6, 1809; ma. Hannah R. Slack.
4669. Catharine, bo. Aug. 13, 1811; ma. Samuel Johnson, Sept. 3, 1830. Children: 1. Mary, bo. June 20, 1832; 2. William, bo. Sept. 4 1834; 3. Jonas, bo. Dec. 15, 1835, d. 1862; 4. Charles b. Aug. 17, 1837, d. 1865; Ruth A., bo. June 6, 1839, d. May 30, 1859; Martha E., bo July 24, 1841; 7. Sarah, bo. April 23, 1843; Susannah, bo. Feb. 3, 1845; 9. Amos, bo. April 27, 1847; 10. Matilda bo. April 13, 1849; 11. Amanda J. b. Feb. 9, 1853.
4670. Charles, bo. Oct. 18, 1813; ma. Charlotte Way; 2d Sarepta Cummings.
4671. Josephus D., bo. Dec. 3, 1816; ma. Matilda Clement.
4672. Susannah, bo. Dec. 3, 1816, ma. Seth Way.
4673. Benjamin, bo. Aug. 29, 1819.

*Note: Elizabeth Smith Ladd Lomax had eleven children, including the inevitable Joseph, William, Constantine, Anna etc. Anna d. unm. 1849, Valparaiso, Ind. Joseph, of Grand Rapids, Mich., m. Sarah Ann Boyd 1844, and had 10 children.

** Mrs. Pearce says: "That Mary Burton m. Noble Ladd was the step-daut. of Joseph Damron; he had m. the widow of Robert Burton soon after the Rev. War was over.

a. MARY BURTON AND NOBLE LADD OF WEARE, HUMPHREY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

V. "4660. NOBLE LADD, of Weare, Humphrey Co., Tenn., (son of Joseph 4649), ma. Mary Burton..

"Children

"4695. Peter, bo. _____.
4696. Joseph H., bo. _____.
4697. Constantine, bo. _____.
4698. Ann, bo. _____; ma. John G . Smithson
4699. William, bo. _____.
4700. Thornton Gwynne, bo. _____.
4701. Rebecca, bo. _____; ma. John D. Wood.
4702. Noble, bo. _____.
4703. Mary, bo. _____; ma. Isaac Massey.
4704. Mackey, bo. _____."

Warren Ladd does not carry this line of Amos 4381 any further, except the following:

b. COMMICILA FRATEN AND AMOS LADD OF NORTH CAROLINA

I. JOHN LADD, of Lower Norfolk County, Va., m. Bathsheba Lovett.

II. AMOS LADD, 4382, of Henrico and Goochland, Va., who had two children Amos 4588 and Noble 4589. Noble's descendants precede this section.

III. AMOS LADD, 4588, "of Henrico Co., Va., (son of Amos 4382), ma. Commicila Fraten. He removed to North Carolina.

"Children

"4590. Amos, bo. _____ ; ma. Anna Stone. Children: Noble m. Milly Holly, Elkin, C. G.Terrill, E. Bayles, Amos, Mary, Betsey, Solomon, Annie, Constantine, Lucinda; ma. Amos Ladd 4640. The following lived in Long Island, Ala.--C.G.Terrill, Bayles, Constantine, while Amos lived in Fetzerton, Tenn. m. Nancy Pellitt, and Solomon Ladd in Tullahama, Tenn., m. Feriba Hamba.
4591. John, bo. _____; ma. _____ Sunderland.
4592. William Humphrey, bo. _____; ma. Mary A. Chapman. She d. 1886, age 100. He lived in Long Island, Ala., and had ch. Enoch, Amos, m. Lucinda Ladd; Rutha Ladd m. Bayles E. Ladd; Aneoler m. Constantine Ladd.
4593. Constantine, bo. ___; ma. Mary Boxley.
4594. Milton, bo. _____.

i. ISABEL BOYD AND WILLIAM LADD, OF WAYNE COUNTY, INDIANA

V. William Ladd, b. Feb. 1, 1797, son of Joseph and Catharine Bacey Damon, m. Isabel Boyd of N.C. He lived in Wayne Co., Indiana. Ch. Joseph D. Ladd of Williamsburg, Ind. 1861; William Ladd, of Portland, Ind. 1887.

(3) WILLIAM LADD OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, VA. AND KENTUCKY

The notes are not clear on him, but apparently William Ladd 4651, son of Noble Ladd and ___ Davis, married Miss Pennington, lived in Mecklenburg County, Va. then moved to Henry County, Ky. Ch: Wm. W. m. Mary E. Steel, John W., Harrison, Robert, Cynthia, Pennington.

a. THE WILL OF CONSTANT LADD OF GOOCHLAND, 1766

I had a photostat made of the will of Constantine Ladd proved Aug. 19, 1766, from the Goochland County Book No. 9, 1765-1769:

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN--

"I CONSTANT LADD, of the Parish of St. James' Northam in the County of Goochland, being well in Bodyly Health & of Sound Mind Thanks be to God, do this Day in the xxiii year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Second, King of Great Britain, France & Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc. make& publish this my last Will & Testament in Manner following (Viz.) Item, I give & Bequeath to my Brother Amos Ladd One Hundred & Thirty Acres of Land Scituate lying & being in the County of Goochland near Bever Dam, Together with all my Stock of Cattle, Hogs Horses Sheep Mares & every Individual thing that now Appertaineth & belongeth to me.

"Item, I do Constitute the Above said Amos Ladd my whole & Sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament, Revoking all former & other Wills by me made, Declare this & none Other to be my last Will & Testament & I have to this my last Will & Testament, Set my Hand & Seal this 26th Day of July 1750.

"S igned Sealed & Delivered by the sd Constant Ladd as & for his last Will & Testament, in the presence of us who were present at the Signing & Sealing thereof.

his
CONSTANT CL LADD
mark (SEAL)

John Peter
Mary Ladd
his
John I Moor
mark

"At a Court held for Goochland County, August the 19th, 1766, This writing was proved by the oaths of the Witnesses hereto to be the last Will and Testament of Constant Ladd dec'd and thereupon admitted to Record.

Teste.
VAL. WOOD, Cl. Cur.

Note by H.F. S. The Douglas Register, with Goochland Wills (including Manakin, has no Dameron, but lists on p. 17, Book 9, 1766, will or inv. of Constantine Ladd Page 30 has "Lad Const. & ____ ____ 1753 (pp. 27-32), Marriages of Record, Douglass of Goochland. The only other Ladd items in this book are of the birth of Constantine, first child of Noble Ladd and Judah Damarel Jan. 1753, and "Will Ladd & Sarah Chowning a son Wilson b. Nov. 6, 1785, bapt. Mar. 8, 1786." p. 232. The Chownings are of Northumberland. Goochland Marriage Index has Martha Ladd m. 149, 319.

The Ladd wills listed in Torrence are Constant, 1766, above; and in Charles City, James 1770, Amos, 1790, Anna, 1792, William, 1797.

b. THE NOBLE FAMILY OF VIRGINIA

The wife of Amos Ladd of Henrico and Goochland was no doubt named Noble though we do not have the marriage bond as yet, as this name was carried down in subsequent generations.

Patent Book 28, Virginia, has Robert Nobells, 190 acres in Brunswick County, on north of Maharrin River between the mouth of Flat Rock Creek and the Isaw (?) Branch, beginning at the mouth of the Isaweraunch (?) on Flat Rock Creek down the river. WM. GOOCH, 1747, 5 of June. (This was in beautiful script but I could not quite make it out.) Flat Rock Creek is the first one off from the Meherrin River sources, and is next to Reedy Creek and theTown of Twitty is not far away. Lunenburg Court House is just below. This is the same region where the Moodys lived, on Flat Rock Creek etc. Book 29, 1749-51, also has a grant to Robt. Nobbel for 400 acres, p. 224.

Book 6 from 1666-79, has a grant to John Noble of 1,000 acres, VC, p. 7, 2d Oct. 1666: Cosby and Noble receive 1,000 acres from Wm. Berkley North of Cooly or Cooty or Cosby, bounding on land of Clayburne, for bringing over Mary Gibbs, Ann Wilson, Andrew Ward, Jenkin Davis, Tho.Chowninge, Wm. Robison, Thos. Hughes, James Lindsay, etc. It is on North side of Rappahannock River and in the freshet thereof. The list refers to the headrights brought in for which the person received 50 acres of land for each one of the 20 listed.

Wills listed in Torrence of the Nobles were: R obert, 1752, Lunenburg; Robert 1754 w. John in Augusta 1752, Jas. in Accomack 1693 inventory, etc.

American Colonists, p. 126 has: "Mary Noble and her daughter, my cousins... all my lands, cattell, chattels which I have in Virginia." This is Apr. 2, 1649, Probate Court, Virginia. "Also my two shares of land in the Saire? Islands." This is Will 132 in Pembroke of William Ewen of Greenwich, Kent. (This book lists names left out of Hotten.) I believe it is in Nugent that I found Robert Noble, p. 195, where Mrs. Winefred Morrison receives land for transportation of 6 persons, including Major Francis Morrison, twice, Thos.Jackson, Robert Noble, Ann Darby, Wm. Thorpe. Hotten's Lists of Emigrants has Ann Noble, 67, George 128. George age 22 wentto St. Christopher's in the William and Mary Sept. 2, 1635.

In Virginia Taxpayers 1782-87, I noted in Charles City, Noble--Anthony, Berk, Cornelius, Eli C. David, Bot.,Fay, Geo.(Prince George), Wm. and Den. In BedfordCounty, Va. in 1804 Joshua Noble m. Lucy Jordan.

I have a photostat of the Will of Robert Noble, 1750, in Lunenburg, which is in beautiful old script. Next to it was one of Thomas Blanks of Lunenburg.

THE WILL OF ROBERT NOBLE, 1752, LUNENBURG COUNTY, VA.

"IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN, I ROBERT NOBLE of the County of Lunenburgh and Colony of Virginia being through the abounding Mercy of God though weak in body yet of a sound and perfect understanding both in Mind and Memory do hearby Constitute this my last Will and Testament and desire it may be receved by All as such and first I Bequeath my Soul to God my Maker Beseaching his most Gracious Acceptance of it through the Spiritual Merits and Mediation of my most Compasionate Redemer Jesus Christ who gave himself to be an Atonement for my Sins and is able to forgive to the utmost all that come to God by him seeing he ever liveth to make Intersession for them and who I hope will now receive me a returning penitent Sinner when I come to him for Mercy in hope of comfort I render up my Soul humbly beseaching the Gracious Trinety (?) our God Most Holy Most Merciful and Gracious to prepare me for time of my Disalusion and then to me to himself into that Peace and rest and incomparable felicity which he hath prepared for all them that love and fear his most Holy Name, AMEN, Blessed be God, Imprimis, I give my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken in full asshorance of its Resurrection from thence at the Last Day and as for my Burial I desire it may decently performed at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named, as to my worldly estate which it hath been pleas God Bless me with and to bestow upon me who am not worthy of the least of his hercys, I do hereby and positively that all my Debts that I in right and conscience do owe to any man to be paid ... after my Deceas And after my Funeral Charges and my Debts... is paid the remainding part of my Estate I Give and Bequeath in manner and form as followeth, Item, I Give and Bequeath to my son Robert Noble all the Lands to me belonging and plantation belonging unto me on the South side of Mehearrin River at the Mouth of Flat Rock Creek, Item, I Give and Bequeath to my son Joseph Noble, one English Shilling, Item I give the Lands to my Son Robbert Noble, all my Lands to him and his Heirs for ever his Begotten and if my Son Robbert Noble dies without heir I Give all my Lands and Plantation to my Granson Joseph Noble Turner And of this my last Will and Testament I apt. and Constitute my Son Robbert Nobbles to be my Executor and hereby Revoking and disannulling all former Wills all Intails all Former Writings Concerning my Lands and this to be taken as my Last Will and Testament. I Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this FirstDay of September in the Year of our Lord God 1750.

his
ROBBERT P. NOBBEL (L.S.)
mark

Acknowledged Signed Sealed and
Delivered in the Presents of us
Test John Howell (?) John O Murke (his mark)
William Parker

"At a Court held for Lunenburgh County the Second Day of June, 1752, The Within written last Will and Testament of Robert Nobles Deceased was Exhibited in Court and proved by the Oath of John Howell (?) one of the Witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded, and it appearing to the Court that Robert Nobles the Executor therein appointed is an Infant under the age of Twenty years therefore Administration of all and singular the Goods and Chattels Rights and ____ of the said Estate which were of the said Testator at the time of his Death with the said Will annexed is granted to Francis Mary (?) who was sworn according to Law, and together with William Sagold (?) his security entered into Bond and acknowledged the same.

"Test CLEMENT READ, OLO

Truly Recorded,
Teste,
Clem^{t} Read, C. Ct."

III. HULDAH BINFORD AND WILLIAM LADD, CHARLES CITY QUAKERS

I. JOHN LADD, of Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, who came to Virginia before 1653 and married Bathsheba Lovett, also of Lynnhaven Parish, having two sons: William and Amos.

II. WILLIAM LADD,*son of John, m. Huldah Binford, June 17, 1701. On June 1 , 1714, 500 acres of land were granted to him in Henrico County, Virginia, on the north side of James River, in the fork of Beaver Dam Creek. We shall quote again from Warren Ladd:

"Children

"4383. John, bo. ____; ma. Mary Crew, Nov. 21,1724.
4384. James, bo. Oct. 22, 1703; ma. Judith Ellyson, Dec. 28, 1726.
4385. William, bo. _____; ma. Ursula Ellyson, Feb. 11, 1731. (p. 330.)
5386. Huldah, bo. Feb. 17, 1712; ma. Peter Preble, of Prince George. She died 1784.

III. "4383 JOHN LADD, of Charles City Co., Va. (son of William) ma. Mary, dau. of John and Sarah Crew, Nov. 21, 1724.

"Children

"4387 James, bo._____; ma. Isabella Denson, June, 1767.
4388. Amos, bo._____; ma. Sarah Binford, Aug. 1763, 11th day. She died March 3, 1814. He died May 8, 1790. He lived in Charles City. His sons were John Kinsley 1767-1788, Thomas 1769- m. 1799, Amos 1778-."
4389. John, bo. ____, ma. Unity Harris, 1764. He d. March 20, 1816. His home was Charles City. His children were Guelielma b. March 11, 1769; Elizabeth, b. Nov. 29, 1772; Rachel, b. Jan. 7, 1771; Benj. Harris, b. June 18, 1774; Margaret b. Sept. 8. 1776; Unity Smith, b. July 8, 1780; Mary b. Oct. 29, 1782; Sarah D. b. Apr. 1, 1785; John b. May 25, 1787, d.s.p. Quoting the Genealogy of the Ladds: "John Milton Ladd, son of Benj. Harris Ladd and Sarah Binford Ladd, m. Martha Lewis, Nov. 22, 1838. J.M. Ladd was of CharlesCity Co.,Va. b. Feb. 22, 1815, he left Va. at an early age on horseback for Alabama, in 1836, where he acquired a large fortune in timberlands. He d. 1897. Write for info. abt. this Ala. family to Miss Arline Hollinger, and Miss Unity Virginia Ladd, 206 Dexter Avenue, Mobile, La. Miss Hollinger is past ;70 and looks after Miss Virginia who is past one hundred.
4390. William, bo. ____ ma. Mary Hubbard, May 7, 1773, dau. of George. She d. July 17, 1797. Ch: Robert, Amelia, James, Ann, b. 1781, Eliz., Jane, Millicent, Sarah. Robert moved to Short Creek, Harrison Co., Ohio, from Charles City, sons Amos and Robert.
4391. A girl, bo. ____.
4392. A girl, bo. ____.

*Note: William Ladd in 1699 helped build Curles Meeting,(Henrico Monthly Meeting, records), and the Weyanoke Meeting in 1708 was called "Ladd's Meeting," Robert Ladd being also a member. I found additional records of these ch. of William: Mary in 1722, m. Samuel Magahe; Sarah in 1733 m. Robt. Hunnicutt, Jr. Elizabeth in 1737 m. Matthew Ellyson and later Andrew Crew, Jr. Lydia, 1738, m. Ellyson Crew.

1. ISABELLA DENSON (DENISON) AND JAMES LADD OF CHARLES CITY

I. JOHN LADD, of Lynnhaven Parish, Lower Norfolk County, m.Bathsheba Lovett.

II. WILLIAM LADD m. Huldah Binford, 1701; of Henrico County, Va., sons John, James and William, daughter Huldah, m. Peter Preble of Prince George Co.

III. JOHN LADD, son of William, m. Mary Crew 1724, sons James, Amos, John and William. He lived in Charles City County.

IV. JAMES LADD, son of above John, m. Isabella Denson (Denison), June 1767. She d. Aug. 3, 1809. He died Oct. 17, 1807. Genealogy of the Ladd Family says: "These two bro's. Amos and James had an extensive business in Chas. City Co. (I have a ledger of their accounts, amts. due them, up in the thousands of pds.--that was before there were dollars and cents.... This branch of the family was very prolific and prosperous, big business men and professional men, scattered throughout the United States and Canada." We quote now from Warren Ladd:

"Children

"4393. Clotilda, bo. March 11, 1768; ma. Thomas Harris, March 6, 1787.
4394. Benjamin, bo. Oct. 3, 1769; d. Sept. 10, 1779.
4395. Ann, bo. March 29, 1771; ma. James Bates, 1790.
4396. James Denson, bo. Jan. 23, 1774; ma. Jane Evans. He was of Charles City, Va. anddied Jan. 14, 1814. She d. Sept. 1814.
4397. Joseph, bo. July 18, 1776; not married.
4398. Mary, bo. March 25, 1779; ma. William Henry Pleasant, Sept. 8, 1795.
4399. Benjamin Whitehead, bo. April 21, 1782; ma. Elizabeth Wood, April 20, 1814.
4400. Priscilla, bo. ___; ma. Thomas Stanley, June 5, 1802.
4401. Isaac, bo. Oct. 14, 1787; d. July 1, 1789.
4402. Isabella, bo. June 12, 1792; ma. Thomas Honicut, Nov. 5, 1811.

"He was one of the 'F.F.Vs.' (first families of Virginia.) He owned a farm called Green Meadow, a store, and the Edner Flour Mills. He was considered rich at that time. He was a member of the Society of Friends and a minister of that denomination.' 'We read of him in the Diary of Barnaby Nixon, published in 1814, as follows: 'In 1782, with James Ladd as a companion, we visited various meetings of Lower North Carolina. * * * In 1789, in company with James Ladd, we visited the meetings at Rich Square and Jack Swamp.' Towards the close of his diary he says: 'Cousin James Ladd had been in a consumption, declining way for several months, and was desirous to see me. His son, James Denson Ladd, came to me in the 9th mo., 1806. After being with him several days, Joseph Ladd took me home. James Ladd lived a little more than two weeks after I left him. A little before his death he said: 'All men must come to this, and I shall make a good end, which will crown all.'

"We make the following extract from the Diary of John Fothergill, a minister of the Society of Friends in England, who visited this country. (See Friends' Library, Vol. 13, pp. 379, 380.)

"In 1721, the 23 of the 6 month, we had a meeting at Widow Butler's house, to which came several soberly behaved people. We came back from thence to Robert Honicut's, and had a meeting near his house. The next day we crossed James River to William Ladd's. (4381,) where a small meeting is usually kept. The 27th we had a pretty large meeting at Curles, and lodged at Thomas Pleasant's; on the 28th, with some friends, we rode up the woods to a place called Dover (Dover Mines, in Goochland Co., Va.) where a few friends live,-- we lodged that night with one John Parsons; on the 1st 7 month we had a meeting at a French settlement called Manikintown,--lodged with Daniel Groom; on the 2d we went to the monthly meeting at Edward Mosby's,--lodged that night with John Johnson, at the swamp. The 4th we went to Black Creek,--lodged with Gerard Ellyson, and had another meeting; 5th had another meeting on the Pamunkey River; came back to Gerard Ellyson's, and had another meeting the 6th at Black Creek; 7th went to a meeting at William Ladd's again,--lodged at John Crew's; and went again at a meeting at Curles,--lodged at J. Pleasants'."

"We have introduced the above extract from Fothergill's diary to show where the Ladds, the Ellysons, the Crews, and the Pleasants, who inter-married with the Ladds, lived; and it may enable others to make a more perfect genealogical record of this branch of the Ladd family. He was treasurer of the Yearly Meeting in 1807."

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2. JUDITH ELLYSON AND JAMES LADD, CHARLES CITY

I. JOHN LADD of Lynnhaven Parish, m. Bathsheba Lovett, d. of Lancaster.

II. WILLIAM LADD, OF Henrico County, Va. m. Huldah Binford 1701.

III. JAMES LADD, son of above William, b. Oct. 22, 1703; m. Judith Ellyson, Dec. 28, 1726, in New Kent, daughter of Garrard Ellyson. He was a representative at the Virginia Yearly Meeting from Charles City County in 1758.

1. Mary, m. Aquila, son of Peter & Rebecca Binford, July 1, 1758.
2. Judith, m. Thos. Binford, 1753.
3. Agnes m. Shadrack Stanley Dec. 2, 1764.
4. James b. 1736, m. Sarah. He and his wife attended marriage of W. Ballard and A. Stanley in Hanover Co., Nov. 11, 1763, and signed marriage certificate. Ch: Peter b. Jan. 1763, m. Sarah; Mary b. 1765, Apr. 14, d. Oct. 4, 1818; Rebecca b. 1767, Nov; m. Waddy Stanley Nov. 4, 1794; James Binford b. Feb. 11, 1770.
5. Joseph, m. Mary Binford Aug. 1, 1767; ch. twins d. 1771, Sarah and Betsey Kingsley.

3. URSULA ELLYSON AND WILLIAM LADD OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, VIRGINIA

III WILLIAM LADD, son of William of Henrico and Huldah Binford, m. Ursulah Ellyson Feb. 11, 1731 (p. 330), daughter of Gerrard Robt. Ellyson. They moved to Mecklenburg County, Va., and have children listed in the records, Elizabeth, Huldah, Jacob, James. Warren Ladd gives:

Thomas m. Ann, dau. of Thos. Ellyson, Dec. 8, 1761.
William m. Mary. He was of New Kent Co. Ch: William b. 1759, m. Mary Crew, Mary, m. Birch; David m. Miss Crew; Sarah m. McGehee.
Gerard m. Sarah. He was of Mecklenburg County, Va. Ch: Agatha, b. 1761, Eliz. b. 1762; Priscilla b. 1764, d. young: Huldah b. 1765; Jacob. b. July 13, [illegible] b. 1778. Esther,

4. SARAH BINFORD AND AMOS LADD OF CHARLES CITY

I. JOHN LADD and Bathsheba Lovett of Lower Norfolk County, Virginia.

II. WILLIAM LADD and Huldah Binford, of Henrico County, Virginia. The meeting he attended was called "Ladd's Meeting" and he was its elder.

"1699-1700, 12. 9. William Ladd contributed 150 L tobacco for building meeting house at Curles.

"1706 William Ladd and others request meeting at John Crew's house.

"1708-9, 12, 19. William Ladd and Robert Ladd and other Friends "in the woods about Hering Creek" request that the meeting once held at John Crew's be moved to Ladd's; granted.

"1713 Wm. Ladd comes for Nat. Jordan.

"1717 Wm. Ladd is representative to the Monthly Meeting from Weyanoke."

Above items are quoted from the Enclopedia of Quaker Ancestry,Hinshaw and Marshall, 1950.

III. JOHN LADD, son of above William, m. Mary, dau. of John and Sarah Crew, Nov. 21, 1724. The above reference says: "1724, 9 10 "John Lead son William and Huldah, Charles City Co. m. in Meeting House near Wm. Lead's dwelling house, Charles City Co. Mary Crew, dt. John and Sarah, Charles City."

IV. AMOS LADD, of Charles City County, son of John, m. Sarah Binford of North Carolina. She d. March 3, 1814. He died May 8, 1790. The reference above shows "1763, 8, 11. Amos, son of John Ladd, dec. CC m. in Curles, Henrico, Sarah Binford, dt. Thomas dec. Henrico, ch. Mary b. 1765, John Kinsey, Thos., Priscilla, Amos, Elizab. Susannah, Deborah." Their children were listed in the Ladd genealogy:

1. Betsey Kinsley, b. May 2, 1764, d. July 19, 1764.
2. Mary, b. May 14, 1765, m. Jesse Terrill, Nov. 6, 1787, d. Nov. 1,1790.
3. John Kinsley, b. Aug. 7, 1767, d. Nov. 14, 1788.
4. Thomas, b. Oct. 16, 1769, m. Ann Bell, Aug. 7, 1799.
5. Priscilla,b. Aug. 2, 1772, m. Geo. Hubbard, Mch. 1791.
6. Sarah b. Aug. 4, 1775, m. Ebenezer Maule, Sept. 1793.
7. Amos, b. Sept. 21, 1778, m. Mary Bell, Feb. 2, 1811.
8. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 20, 1781, m. Samuel Parsons, Oct. 9, 1804. She d. Mch. 23, 1836.
9. Susannah, b. Jan. 26, 1783, d. infancy.
10. Deborah, b. Jan. 6, 1785, m. Mr. Stratton, 1805. She d. April 28,1832.

(1) ANN BELL AND THOMAS LADD OF CHARLES CITY COUNTY

V. THOMAS LADD, b. Oct. 16, 1769, m. Ann Bell, Aug. 7, 1799. He d. May 20, 1834. Children:

1. Thos. Mifflin Ladd, b. May 5, 1700, m. Lucy Eliz. Cowardin.
2. Rodamn, b. Aug. 26, 1802; d. infancy.
3. James Monroe, b. Oct. 6, 1806; never m. and d. 1880.
4. Nathan Bell, b. Dec. 9, 1812; m. Ellen Miller.
5. Wm. Penn, b. Dec. 9, 1812, m. Sarah Sherman.
6. Sebelia Ann, b. Aug. 4, 1815; m. Col. R. M. Conn, Aug. 18__.
7. Sarah Bell, b. Aug. 1818, did not m.
8. Benjamin b. Feb. 20, 1820, m. Margaret Bigger.

VI. THOMAS MIFFLIN LADD, of Richmond, Va. son of above Thomas V. m.Lucy Elizabeth, dau. of John Cowardin of Danville, Va., at one time well-to-do, Aug.7, 1841. Children:

1. Aaron Burr, b. June 14, 1842; d. infancy.
2. Thomas Mifflin, b. Nov. 18, 1843; m. Sarah Mildred King.
3. John Bell, b. Jan. 30, 1846; m. Eunice McLellan, July 21, 1886.
4. Jane McKenzie, b. Oct. 2, 1848; m. L.B. Quarles, Feb. 5, 1874.
5. Robt. Anderson b. Oct. 8, 1853; m. A.M. Lawrence, Feb. 5, 1874.
6. Benj. Franklin, b. Aug. 28, 1858.
7. Mary Ann, b. March 3, 1851; d. 1864.
8. Lucy Lavelette, b. May, 1861, m. H.L. Butler, July 12,1881.

VII. THOMAS MIFFLIN LADD, of Henrico County, Va. son of Thomas VI, m. Sarah Mildred King, dau. of Nathaniel King and Susan Winston Grubbs, Jan. 15, 1873. Ch:

1. Bernard Goodall, b. Nov. 4, 1873; m. Edith Gosnell, Aug. 14, 1901.
2. Lucy Winston, b. Feb. 6, 1877; m. Arthur D. Bush (1) Henry J. Harby (2).
3. Ellen Douglas, b. May 16, 1878; did not m. d. 1940.
4. Robert Hill, b. March 22, 1880; m. Frances Allen, Sept. 1907.
5. James Russell, b. May 12, 1881; m. Mary Butler, Sept. 28, 1912.
6. Thomas Mifflin, b. July 16, 1883; m. Margaret G. Munford, 1906.
7. Sarah Mildred, b. Nov. 1, 1865.

Sarah Mildred King, wife of Thomas Mifflin Ladd of Henrico d. Nov. 1885. He then m. Kate Childress of Henrico Co. Jan. 29, and had seven children.

VIII. THOMAS MIFFLIN LADD, of Norfolk, Va. and Richmond, Va. son of Thomas VII, and Sarah Mildred King of Henrico Co., m. Margaret Gertrude, dau. of Wm. H. Munford, and Mary Spearman, of Charles City Co., Va. Dec. 29, 1906. Ch:

1. Lucy Eliz. b. Feb. 14, 1908, m. W.M. Turpin.
2. Thomas Mifflin, b. Oct. 23, 1910, m. Thelma Unez, dau. of J.C. and Adelle, Hardin of Willoughby. Ch: Barbara Allen, b. Sept. 12, 1941.

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a. ROBERT ANDERSON LADD AND ALPHIA MILDRED LAWRENCE

VII. ROBERT ANDERSON LADD, son of Thomas Mifflin VI, m. Alphia Mildred, dau. of W.Q. Lawrence of Hanover County, Va. Dec. 27, 1882. He was of Henrico. Ch. Mary Bell, b. Oct. 20, 1883; m. Richard G. Lawrence, Apr. 24, 1905. She d. Oct. 9, 1918. ch: Robert Marshall, b. March 6, 1906; m.Elsie Lewis b. June 26, 1907; Bell Garfield, b. Aug. 29, 1909; Harry Landon,b. May 19, 1911; Mildred Winston, b. Jan. 20, 1914. Berdie Winefred, b. March 10, 1885, (see above)d.Inf. Lucy Lavina b. Feb. 26, 1887; Pearl Curtin b. Apr. 17, 1889; Robt. Ashby b. Sept. 29, 1891;m. Margt. Orrock, Oct. 1912; Lewis Watkins, Ruby Norwood, Wellford Warfield

5. THE LADDS OF MECKLENBURG, LUNENBURG AND SURRY, VIRGINIA

As the genealogy of these families has not been worked out previously, let us first quote from the Quaker records as quoted in the Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy, from the records of Henrico Monthly Meeting; pp. 189-196.

1754 William Ladd on probation for misconduct.
1755 William Sr. on probation for misconduct.
1755 William Ladd's son John, ccc dis. mcd to his 1st cousin, father did not consent (roughly translated this means John of Charles City County had a marriage certificate denied, as it was against the rules to marry a first cousin in those early days and "dis" means disowned, "gct" means"granted certificate to."
1755 Thomas Buford prfc, Blackwater, to m. Judith Ladd, rmt 1755.

(Note: Here were many items and I did not copy them all down.)

1765 William Ladd of Lunenburg County had 4 cows seized for refusal to pay ch. rates. (Not until Patrick Henry did the Virginia citizens stop paying tithes to the established church even if they were against it.)
1760 John and William Ladd removed to remote part and Monthly Meeting did not consent; ordered to appear and keep in touch often.
1766 Sarah, wife of Gerrard Ladd, of Mecklenburg, is mentioned.
1767 James, John, William gct Blackwater Meeting erc. (They were given certificates to the Blackwater Monthly Meeting in Surry, from Henrico MM.)
1767 John dec. New Kent (See Joseph Ladd)
1767 Amos ccc, James ccc, James Jr. certificates to be excused from military service, also for Jessie, John, Joseph, Thomas, William Ladd.
1769 William and wife Ursula, ch. Elizabeth, Huldah, Jacob and James who lived in Mecklenburg, gct Blackwater MM, Va.
1770 Amos Ladd accused for purchasing a slave, excused when shown "legal necessity," James the same. (Quakers were against slavery and only bought slaves in order to free them or provide for them in some way.)
1786, 10, 7. Hannah and ch. Thomas, Judith, John, Amos and Joseph, family of John Ladd, Mecklenburg County, gct Blackwater, Burleigh MM, Va. Noble, son of the same, denied a certificate at this time. (John had asked for certificates for his wife and children in Mecklenburg as they had never had any before.)
1787, 7, 7. Noble Ladd, son of John and Hannah, Mecklenburg, dis. disorderly conduct. (Disowned for disorderly conduct.)
1790 Ann rmt James Bates.

The following, p. 114, is from the records of Blackwater Monthly Meeting, Surry County, Va.:

____ Huldah, dt. William Ladd, Charles City Co. m. Peter Peebles, Sr.
____ Garrard Ladd and Sarah, Mecklenburg County, ch: Agatha b. 1761, 1, 6. Huldah b. 1765, 9. 5; Jacob, 1767, 7, 13, and others up to 1782, but only two sonsare listed, the other being Garrard b. 1773.
1761 James, son of James Ladd, James City, m. at Burleigh MH Prince George County, Sarah Binford, dt. Peter, Prince George County
1773, 6, 20. William, son of James, dec. Charles City m. at Burleigh MH, Prince George Co. Mary Hunnicutt, dt. Robt. Prince Geo. Co.

1781, 2, 2. William Ladd, Mecklenburg County, d. ae. 72 years.
1761, 5, 20. James ltm Sarah Binford (liberty to marry given.)
1799 Benjamin Ladd and Sarah of White Oak Swamp mentioned.

The following is taken from Upper Monthly Meeting (Gravelly Run and Burleigh) established 1800, including Brunswick. This was formed when Surry divided and "particular meetings" were formed at Ladd's Meeting in Mecklenburg, etc. Upper Monthly included the counties of Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Prince George, Brunswick and Mecklenburg, and the "pillars of the infant organization were the families of Bott, Fowler, Ladd, Hunnicutt, Peebles,Binford, Chappell, Butler and Nixon, all of whom had been members of the Society of Friends from the earliest days of the Virginia colony," p. 127.

1800, 12, 20. Jacob, of Mecklenburg, ordered to read a paper of dis. against Judith Ladd of the same county 'at their meeting. (She was disowned.)
1802 Gerrard Ladd is mentioned, also Jacob, Hannah, Esther, Elizabeth
1808, 3, 19. Jacob Ladd and w. Elizabeth and ch. Asia, Jeremiah, Anna, Sarah G., Jordan, Gerrard, Rebeckah and Margaret, rem gct Fairfield Monthly Meeting, Highland County;, Ohio.
1812 Hannah Ladd aged and sick needs aid; 1818 not expected to live.
1821 Hannah Ladd's d. rpd.

"Ladd's Meeting" in Mecklenburg 1785 was just on the border of Brunswick and in the corner, only a few miles from Lawrenceville, where the Damerons lived at Smoky Ordinary, one being named John. The Noble family also lived in this area.

The Marriage License Bonds of Mecklenburg 1765-1810, show:

Ladd, Amos, and Elizabeth Crowder Oct. 15, 1792, John Ladd, Security.
Ladd, John, and Lucey Cleaton, 17 Dec. 1798, Joseph Ladd, Sec.
Ladd, Noble, and Mary Rottenberry, 29 Dec. 1792, John Ladd, Sec.
Ladd, Thomas, Jr. and Mary Crowder, Aug. 1788
Ladd, William, and Martha Gillan 8 Feb. 1787, Jacob Ladd, Sec.
Ladd, William and Fatha Pen nington, 29 Dec. 1800, father Henry. (Note: there is a book on The Penns and Penningtons, and the latter family was connected with William Penn.)

The genealogy notes only Gerard Ladd in Mecklenburg, son of William and Ursula Ellyson, and William of Mecklenburg who married Miss Pennington and then moved to Henry County, Ky. William and Ursula also were there, and the records show ch. Elizabeth, Huldah, Jacob, James.

John, who moved to Mecklenburg with William, had w. Hannah and ch:

Thomas, m. Mary Crowder, Aug. 1788.
Judith. (Was she disowned?)
John m. Lucey Cleaton, 17 Dec. 1798.
Amos m. Elizabeth Crowder Oct. 15, 1792.
Joseph.
Noble, disowned for disorderly conduct, 1787, m. Mary Rottenberry,1792.

In Sunlight on the South Side, by Bell, Mrs. Pearce found listed in Lunenburg County, Va. 1751, William Donmon, Josiah Danmon, James Domon; in 1748 John Ladd on Falling River; 1773-5-83, Thomas Ladd; in 1764, William Ladd of St. James Parish, also same place Gerrard, John, Joseph and Thomas Ladd; 1769, Thomas Ladd, Cumberland Parish, also there 1772-6; 1759 William Ladd, Jr. grantee, fromWilliam Ladd Sr. (Lunenburg Deed Book 5, p. 457); 1764 Wm. Jr. from Joseph (B.8, p. 185; 1795-7 Eliza. & Thos. Ladd, Grantees.

IV. THE LADD FAMILY IN THE QUAKER RECORDS

As the Ladds were among the leading Quaker families of Virginia, there is a good deal about them in the Quaker records, some of which I have copied down. The Encyclopedia of American Quaker Ancestry, 1950, by Hinshaw and Marshall, V.VI, has many items, referred to by abbreviations, such as "ltm" liberty to marry, "MM,"Monthly Meeting, "gct," granted certificate to, etc. Quakers had to have certification of "sober" behavior and permission for any unusual action.

The meeting in Charles City near Weyanoke was called "Ladd's Meeting," and also the one in Mecklenburg. (The first Moodys lived at Weyanoke also, at this same time.)

P. 95 says Blackwater Monthly Meeting (Surry) was made up of remnants of the ancient Pagan Creek Monthly Meeting and Curles (Henrico), on south of the James. "Many Friends from this Monthly Meeting moved on at an early date into eastern Northern Carolina. In 1770 Pattison's Meeting in Amelia was abandoned as all the members had migrated except Wm. Bott and Wm. Reams. The Ladd, Saddler, Ward and Durham families were the leaders of the Society in Mecklenburg and Brunswick Counties, where they were instrumental in forming new congregations."

Pagan Creek was established 1737 when Nansemond divided.

Upper Monthly Meeting, p. 127 (Gravelly Run and Burleigh) was established 1800. Surry divided then. It included Brunswick etc. "Particular meetings were Ladd's, Mecklenburg," etc. Upper Monthly included the counties of Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Prince George, Brunswick and Mecklenburg. "The pillars of the infant organization were the families of Bott, Fowler, Ladd, Hunnicutt, Peebles, Binford, Chappell, Butler and Nixon, all of whom had been members of the Society of Friends from the earliest days of the Virginia colony."

Camp Creek was established 1747 (Louisa), but discontinued in 1753, when the members joined Cedar Creek. Sugar Loaf Meeting organized 1744 was also near Albemarle, as was Camp Creek. On p. 257, we find at the Cedar Creek Meeting:

"1764, 11, 11. John Ladd CCC M. Cedar Creek, Hanover County, Unity Harris, dt. Benjamin, dec.Hanover Co.

"1765, John Ladd RMT Unity Harris. (RMT means married.)

"1817, Sarah Ladd of Cedar Creek, ROCF, 1818 Sarah (Warner) dis. MCD. (Dis. means disowned.)

P. 353 at the Goose Creek Monthly Meeting, 1799, 5, 4,has Ruth (formerly Cadwalader), dis. mcd. Samuel Moody, Apr. 13, 1799. This means she was disowned and "marriage certificate denied," MCD, for marrying out of meeting; also Quakers were disowned for marrying first cousins and their parents were disowned if they consented to it in the early period.

The Encyclopedia for North Carolina, p. 1077, describes the Newhope Monthly Meeting of Quakers in Greene County, Tenn., established 1795 with Ellisses, Swains, etc. Green County was settled by Quakers in 1784, and the first meeting was at Nolichucky. Some lived at Lost Creek. In 1804 the migration to Ohio began to Miami. Lost Creek Mon thly Meeting was in Jefferson Co., Tenn. est. 1797, by Hunt, Turner, Mills (arrived 1784), Haworth etc. coming chiefly from Hopewell, Va.

Henrico Monthly Meeting records are on p. 189. Curles meeting, New Kent, and Whiteoak Swamp in Weyanoke, Charles City, County, were established before 1699. "Particular meetings" were Ladd's etc. next to Weyanoke. Ladd items are:

1703, 10, 22, James, son of William and Huldah Ladd b. (father an elder at Weyanoke Meeting.

1722, 2, 19. Mary (Lead), dt. William, Charles City Co., m. Samuel Magahe.

1724, 9, 10. John (Lead) son of Wm. and Huldah, Charles City County, m. in Meeting House near Wm. Leads.dwelling house, Charles City, Mary Crew, dt. John and Sarah, Charles City.

1726-27, 11, 18. James (Lead), son of William, Charles City County, m. in Friends' MH, New Kent Co. Judith Elyson, dt. Garerd Robt. Elyson, New Kent Co.

1730-31, 12, 10. William, son of William Lead, Charles City County, m. in Black Cr. M., New Kent Co., Ursulah Ellyson, dt. Garerd R., New Kent Co. (Note by H.F.S. They moved to Mecklenburg.)
1733 Sarah Ladd dt. William, m. Charles City, Robt. Hunnicutt, Jr.

1737, 9. 17. Elizabeth, d. Wm. m. Matthew Ellyson, later Andrew Crew, Jr.

1738. Lydia dt. William Ladd m. Ellyson Crew.

1758. Mary dt. James and Judith Ladd m. Aquilla Binford.

1758. Elizabeth, dt. John and Mary Ladd, Charles City, m. Archelaus Stanly.

1761. Thos. CC son William Ladd, dec. CC, m. Weyanoke, Amy Ellyson, dt. Thomas dec. Chesterifield.

____ ____ James Ladd d. 1776, 9, 19. m. Sarah _____ Ch. Peter b. 1763, Mary Rebecca, James Buford.

1763, 8, 11. Amos, son of John dec. CC m. in Curles, Henrico, Sarah Binford, dt. Thomas, dec. Henrico. Ch. Mary b. 1765, John Kinsey, Thos. Priscilla, Amos, Elizabeth, Susanna Deborah.

1764 ___ ___. James Ladd m. Isabell, ch. Ann b. 1771, Joseph, 1776, Benj. W., Isaac et al.

1767 Joseph, son of John Ladd, dec. New Kent County, d. 1771, 8, 9, m. Mary Binford dt. Thomas, HenricoCo., Ch. Sarah, Betty, Kinsey.

1767. John, d. 1816, 3, 20. (Elder at Weyanoke), m. Unity, ch. Guli, Rachel, Elizabeth, Benj. Harris, John etc.

1770, 9. 19. James Ladd, son William and Huldah (elder Weyanoke).

___ ___ William m. Mary, ch. Robt. Ann, etc.
1785 ___ ___ Judith Ladd d. (elder and mbr Weyanoke P. M.)
1790 Ann dt. James CC m. James Bates.

The Quaker Encyclopedia of Quaker Ancestry, 1950, Hinshaw and Marshall, has many items about the Ladds which I have not copied down. Here are some of them from the Henrico Monthly Meeting. It must be understood that these reports were sent in from the smaller meetings and that the person did not necessarily live near the place of the Monthly Meeting, which might cover a wide area. The Quaker year began in March, not January, and they never used the new "Popish" calendar. Following are the Ladd references:

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1706 William and others request a meeting at John Crew's house.

1708-9, 12, 19. William and Robert Lead and other Friends "in the woods about Hering Creek," req. that the mtg. once held at John Crew's be moved to Lead's; granted.

1713 Wm. Ladd comes for Nat. Jordan.

1717 Wm. representative to Monthly Meeting from Weyanoke (Charles City)

1724 John Lead rmt Mary Crew

1726, 5.2. John Lead had taken from him for his testimony against tithes and not bareing arms his feather bed and part of his other goods so far as partly disabells him from keeping house; this mtg. aided him.

1726, 7. 3. William Lead suffered the seizure of a negro man (slave) and 308 lbs. of tobacco for refusing to pay tithes.

1726-27, 11, 18. James rmt Judith Ellyson.

1727, 7.2. James suffered seizure of a feather bed and blanket for fines for refusing to bear arms.

1730-31, 1, 6. Wm. Jr. rmt Ursulah Ellyson.

1735 James and John had tob. seized and blankets etc. by sheriff.

1735 Wm. Weyanoke 200 lb. tob. and pair of boots taken for fines also 1739 150 lb. tob. seized.

1735, 7.6. Wm. Jr. Weyanoke, pewter dishes seized and horse.

1738, 2, 1. Huldah rmt Peter Peebles.

1745, Thos.,James, John, William Ladd mentioned.

1753, Judith Lead and her husband served on a committee.

1735, 9, 1. Huldah Ladd, a meeting held in her house CCC.

1754 William Ladd on probation for misconduct.

1755 William Sr. on probation for misconduct.

(Note: I have copied these items in the section on Mecklenburg, etc.)

1790 Ann Ladd rmt James Bates.

1800 Thomas accuses Jos. Anthony of mismanaging the affairs of Anthony & Ladd & Co., Richmond, Va.

1811 Amos Ladd rmt Mary Bell.

1813 Benjamin W. to accompany Daniel Quinby on religious visit to the Southern and Western states.

1815 Benj. and wife Elizabeth, dau. Isabella, gct Plymouth MM Ohio, also Oliver and sister Ann Maria. 1828 Anna Maria disowned for marrying out of meeting in Ohio (MOU),"marrying out of unity"

Other isolated items are these: p. 17, 1790, 5. 8. Amos Ladd d. elder and membr. of Wyanoke (Weyanoak) Meeting.

1761, 5. 9. William Ladd, memorandum concerning him read and forwarded to Philadelphia

1752, 2, 20. Jesse Ladd ltm Margaret Whitfield, Pagan Creek Monthly M.p.45.

1767, 5, 23. James Lad prof. his MM to m. Isabell Denson. p. 75.

1767, 6, 27. James rmt Isabell Denson. 1767, 7, 25. Isabell, w. James gct White Oak Swamp MM, Henrico Co. Va.

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(see top of next page for these 3 lines).

1806 James Ladd d. (minister and member of Weyanoke Meeting); memorial concerning him read; James Ladd made his first public appearance in the ministry in 1776; he visited many states in the interest of the Society; several ch. memorials presented by his son, John D.

The following items were copied in the Genealogy of the Ladd Family:

Henrico Monthly Meeting, White Oak Swamp Minute Book:

Geo. Winston and Judith Harris declare their intentions of marriage, Robt. Pleasant & Amos Ladd are apptd. to enquire into the cleanness of Geo. and report to meeting Jan. 16, 1790.

Geo. Winston, son of Nathaniel, Dec'd, of Henrico Co. m. to Judith, daut. of James Harris, of same Co. Wits: John Crew, Thos. W. Pleasant ,Thomas Ladd, Benk Bates Jr.,Jas. D. Ladd, Geo. Haward, Benj. Binford, Rachel Ladd, Sally Bell, Patsey Bell, Sally Ladd, Isabella Ladd, Ann Thomas Thompson, Prince Ellyson, Relations: Jas. Harris, Edw. Winston, Benj. Harris, John Ladd, Nathan Bell, 2nd. 5 mo. 1790.

Thomas Ladd m. Ann Bell at this ch. 6th da. 7th mo. 1799.

James Winston was one of wts. to m. of Amos Ladd to Mary Bell in Richmond where Amos was of. she was daut. of Nathan Bell, dec'd, of HAnover Co., 2nd da. 7 mo. 1811.

Ebenezer Maul m. Sarah Ladd, 3d day. 8 mo. 1793.

Wm. Henry Pleasant m. Mary Ladd, 8th da. 9 mo. 1795. He was son of Thomas P. of Goochland Co. She was daut. of James Ladd of Chas. City Co. Wits: Robt. Evans, Jr.; Archabald Christian Robt. Crew, John Ladd, Obediah Crew, Sam'l Hargrave. Relatives: Rachel Ladd, Henrietta Pleasant, Sally Ellyson, Clothilde Harris, Ann Bates, Sally Pleasant, Isabella Ladd, James Ladd, Thos. Tabb, John Crew, Amos Ladd, Ben. W. Ladd, Thos. Pleasant, Joseph Ladd, Eliz. Ladd, Martha Charles, Meriane Crew, Margt. Crew, (Mary's father, James Ladd, was brother to g.g.grandfather of Thos. M. Ladd of Fla. right now, 1953. Amos Ladd, the two were in a business in Chas. City Co. before the Rev. War.)

9th mo. 1798 meeting. Margt. Pleasant and Able Jenney declare their intention to m. Eliz. Norment & Jane Ladd apptd. to enquire into her cleanness. Mgt. P. & Isabella Ladd apptd. to attend wedding.

1. NOTES ON THE LADD FAMILY.

Calendar of Virginia State Papers, Oct. 12, 1803. Jas. Lowens, Micajah Davis, Thomas Ladd & Thos. Elliot, to the Governor: We the undersigned inspectors of the Penitentiary, apprehend our services will be of but little future use to the public under present existing circumstances. We, therefore beg leave to tender to the Governor and Council our resignations, trusting they will accept same." (Not accepted.) William Whitaker, in the room of Lownes; Chavallier in the room of Davis, Tucker in the room of Thomas Ladd; Col. Harvie, in the room of Thomas Elliott.

(Note: "room" meant "in place of," to substitute. The following should have preceded this to make it clear:)

"October 15, 1802. William Dabney, Clerk of the Penetentiary to the Governors:

"I have communicated to you that the period for which the following gentlemen were appointed inspectors of the Jail and Penetentiary house, expired on the 14th instant, to wit: Samuel Parsons, Jacob J. Cohen, Wm. Duval, Wm. Berkeley, and Thomas Ladd, I believe these gentlmen have no objection to serving another twelve months, should the Executive thinkproper to reappoint them."

"March 19, 1803. Calendar of Virginia State Papers:

"Charles Johnson and Thomas Ladd, wrote and signed a statement for the directors of Public Printing to be turned in to the Governor, showing how the Public Printer was to be paid. Meriwether Jones was the Public Printer.

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Benj. Whitehead Ladd, of Smithfield, Ohio (son of James) of Charles City Co. came here in 1814, purchased from his father-in-law, 'Prospect Hill." Benjamin's wife was Elizabeth, daut. of Wm. and Mary (Smith) Wood, Eliz. d. 1832; he 2d m. Hannah Wood, 1834. He d. Mch. 31, 1851.

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Mariam Damron Cropper noted down the following Ladd Wills:

Will of Amos Ladd 21 July 1789, Charles City, shows wife, sons Thomas and Amos; daus. Priscilla, Sarah, Mary Terrall, Elizabeth Deborah; bro. John. Execs: bro. James Ladd and son Thomas Ladd. Wit: Jacob Crew, John Crew, Nathaniel Maynard, proved 21 Oct. 1790.

Will of Anna Ladd, 8 July, 1791, Charles City; wills to John Crew, son of John Crew, Jr., to Margaret Crew, wife of Micajah Crew, to young Hampton Hamp, to brother Wm. Ladd, to Old Sall, wife of old Hampton; mentions Sarah Crew is her sister, also mentions "my sisters." Exec. John Crew, Jr. Wit: John Crew, Sr. and Samuel Hargrave, proved in court 19 Jan. 1792.

Will of JamesLadd, 6 July 1806, mentions wife Isabella, dau. Isabella; sons, James Dawson Ladd, Benjamin Whitehead Ladd and Joseph Ladd. Among other things, he gives Joseph "All profits made in the shoe and boot business known by the name of 'Joseph Ladd, Inc.' also stock in 'Edna Mills." Also mentions daus. Clotilda Harris and Ann Bates and a son-in-law, James Bates and 2 grandsons, Thomas S. Pleasants, and Joseph J. Pleasants. Exec. James D., Joseph and Benjamin W. Ladd. Wit: Thomas Ladd, Lightfoot Jammy, Isaac Ratclift, Martha Charles.

Above were taken from Charles City County Deeds and Settlements 1751-1801, E Va. C 12 pt 1. Ladd 83, James, 668, Thomas 695, Wm. 406, Thomas settlement of estate 563, Anna 73, Amos 26.

General Index to Wills, Halifax Co. 1778 to present, shows no Damron, but has Thomas Ladd 1814, Book 9, p. 460; John Ladd 1840, Book 19, p. 264; Wm. Ladd, 1855, Book 24, p. 494.

In Bedford County, Va. Index to Grantors 1754-1920, Mrs. Cropper found Sarah S. Ladd, Wm. P., and others, all after 1876.

Mrs. Cropper's other notes are:

Henrico County,Va. Index to Grantors of Deeds 1781-1876, 1826 Jesse Ladd to Moseby; Release Book 28, p. 449; 1845 James Ladd to T.W. Ladd; 1847, Mary; 1844, Nathan; 1831 Robert; 1828 Oliver; 1847, Sam'l Ladd; 1797 Anthony Ladd & Co. to Hollingsworth and Johnson, deed Book 2, p. 641.

In Early Settlers to Maryland 1635-1680, Muster Rolls 1757-58, F Md. 23, she found:

Richard Ladd	liber 15,	folio 322	transported 1674	
Jane Ladds	7	472	wife of Wm. Transported	1664
Wm. Ladds	7	471	"	"
John Damerall			"	1673

Maryland Early Settlers Land Records, 25 pts. 4 and 5, p. 44: "Then came Christopher Thomas and demanded land for transporting himself, Elizabeth, his wife, Susan Higgins, Catherine Higgins (his children), John Edy, William Ladds, Jane Ladds his wife. Transported this present year 1664.

In the Census in Washington, D.C. for 1800 in Stokes County, N.C. p 561, I found:

Noble Ladd 2 males over 16-3-122-1--1
Constantine Ladd p. 562.
John Ladd 2--1-2-2-1-1
Thomas Moody 1-1----1---, p. 562.
(This is our Thomas Moody m. Mary Young and moved to Rowan later.)

In Franklin County, Alabama, 1850, I noticed Edmond Ladd (or Todd) No. 226 ae 39, farmer, Val. $500 b. Tenn. and wife Malinda b. Tenn. age 28, Nancy 2 b. Ala. with Sarah Ladd or Todd ae 57 b. Georgia.

The Census 1782-5 for Fluvanna has Jehosaphat Ladd and John Ladd.

Lunenburg has Thomas Ladd 1782; Mecklenburg 1782 has on Tax list James Ladd, Urcilla Ladd, Jacob Ladd, William Ladd. New Kent in the 1785 list has William Ladd and the 1810 census has John Ladd and James Ladd. Cumberland Parish Book 1746-1816 of Lunenburg shows Thos. Ladd, Mch. 24, 1772, no Dameron.
Tax Payers 1782-1787 has in Charles City 1783: Amos, James, Jess, John, Judith, Samuel, Thomas. Judith has 8 slaves. Thos. Ladd "Lun." is listed.

1790 Pennsylvania Census has no Damerons but has John Ladd, Philadelphia County, self and 3 others, Census B. p. 211.

Rhode Island 1790 Census has no Damerons nor Moodys, but has Ann Ladd, Kent County 2-0-1, p. 15; Jeremiah Ladd, Providence Co. 1-0-3, p. 32; John Ladd, Kent Co. 2-3-5, p. 12; Joy Ladd, Providence Co., 1-2-3, p. 33; William Ladd 2-0-3, p. 18. Mass. 1790 Census has 9 Ladds, New Hampshire 44, Vermont 4 Ladds, 4 Damons and 1 Damerin.

(Note: the above four paragraphs were information from Mrs. Pearce.

The Encyclopedia of American Quaker Ancestry, by Hinshaw, on N.C. V. 1, p 217, 244 etc. has reference to Jacob Ladd, 10-7-1793, d. 11-7-1793; Marium, d. 10-23-1793, dt. Tabitha of Rich Square Monthly Meeting, Northampton Co., N.C. which was org. 1760. P. 244, Rich Square, 1781 Elizabeth prcf Blackwater MM, Surry Co., Va. 1781, Eliza. dt. Garrard & Sarah, Northmpt. m.Wm. Patterson

at Jack Swamp. From 1795 to 1798, Jacob, Sylvia, Sarah etc. were listed.

Mrs. Pearce sent a note on Georgia: "There was one Amos Ladd there very early, Habersham County, Ga. 18 7 he received land grant Muscogee County, Ga. I have worked overtime trying to find his will after this date, but have failed. Amos Ladd received another land grant 1827 in Coweta County, Ga. This one is marked "Revolutionary Soldier, so I am wondering what state he was enlisting from, but have not been a ble to prove that either."

"Later in the 1790 Census I found Amos Ladd, 96 Dist. Pendleton County, S.C."

It would be important to look up the genealogies of Pleasant, Harris and other Quaker families for the Ladd genealogy. The Sneeds of Fluvanna is an interesting book by W.E. Hatched, telling of the Fork of the Rivanna River on the James, p. 42. This is where both the Ladds and Moodys lived. See also The Cabells and their Kin, by Brown, which tells of the same area. Tuscarora Place was their estate. In 1777 Benj. Woodson sold it to Archibald Sneed in Eluvanna, at Columbia. I found no note on Dameron, Ladd nor Moody in the Sneed book, however.

Marriage Bonds of Fluvanna Co., Va. prior to 1801 by the Misses Curry lists John Ladd m. Ann W. Moore, Bond, Thos. Johnson, Oct. 12, 1796.

The Family of John Ladd of Charles City, Va. by Warren Ladd, 1890, is in the Virginia State Library, along with his general Ladd genealogy

In the index to Fluvanna Deeds I found :

John Ladd deeded to John Hurd Book 1, 1777-83.
John Ladd deede d to Geo. Corn. p. 77, Book 1.
John Ladd deeded to Jehosaphat Ladd, 1784-1793, Book 2, p. 367.
Jehosaphat Ladd deeded to John Pettis, p. 258, Book 4, 1801-7.
A. Ladd from John Ladd et. al. 1835-38, p. 267.

In the Vestry B of St. Peter's Parish, New Kent Co., Va. and James City, I found no Dameron nor Moody, but it had Jos. Ladd, p. 654, and William Ladd, 654. It referred to a single sheet in the Library of Congress of the List of Freeholders in St. Peter's Parish 1606-1772. On it were Wm. Ladd (Jos. Ladd.) Also there were Dex^{r} Clopton, and Walter, William, John, Wm. and BartleCrump, John Ellyson, Fras. Foster, Sherman Duke, James Turner etc.

Hanover County, Va. Chancery Wills and Notes, has many Ladds, including Amos, p. 11, m. 1837, Mary Bell; sons given.

In Jillson's Old Kentucky Entries and Deeds, I found, no Ladds but in his Kentucky Land Grants p. 1427, I found: Grants in County Court Orders:

	Date of Survey	
Ladd, Wiley 17 1/4 ac. Book 43, p. 426, 11-8-1854, Christian Co., Sand Lick Fork.		
Ladd, Benjamin, 176, Book 60, p. 42, 12-9-1862, Christian, Sinking Fork, Little River.		
Ladd, Jane, 167 3/4 3-14-1863.	"	"
Joshua 12-4-17-1874.	"	"
John W. 200 ac. 12-9-1862	"	"
W.J. Ladd, 8 ac. 5-15-1881	"	"

THE WILL OF WILLIAM LADD, CHARLES CITY COUNTY, 1797

I give to son Robert Ladd the plantation I bought from Dunbar Gordon.

I give to son James Ladd, bed and other furniture, etc. when he becomes of age.

I give to my daut. Ann Ladd, bed, cask etc. to be pd. when she becomes of age.

I give to my daut. Martha Ladd, same as above, when she becomes of age.

I give to my daut. Elizabeth Ladd, same as above, when she arrives at lawful age of is married.

I give to my daut. Mary Ladd, same as above, when she is of lawful age.

I give to my daut. Sarah Ladd, same as above, when she is of lawful age, etc.

I give to my loving wf. Mary Ladd, during her widowhood, should my son James arrive to be of age before his mother's death & should choose to settle, my will & desire is, he may have the liberty to build & settle on part of the land I purchased of Purkins Thompson. After the d. or m. of my loving wf. Mary Ladd I give and bequeath unto my sd. son James Ladd the land & Plantation whereon I now live, also the land adjoining thereto, also I give unto my sd son James Ladd my still which I bought of Thomas Ladd, all which I give to him and his heirs forever, only my will and desire is that all my daughters who are single at their mothers' d. shall have the privilege of the two rooms below stairs to the west and of my dwelling house likewise their choise of the rooms in my kitchen, and one acre of land where they may make their choice of, & fire wood sufficient for their use. My will and desire is that my lands which is not given away may be kept in the hands of my Exrs. hereafter mentioned either to rent or sell as he should think proper.

I appt. my son Robert Ladd my exr. of this my last will and Testament, this the fifth day of the third month, 1797.

WILLIAM LADD

In sight and presence of us

SAMUEL LADD
BENJ. CREW
JESSE LADD, JR.

This prob. Sept. 1st, 1797, by Samuel Ladd, Robert Ladd, the Exr. according to law his Exrs. Robert Crew and Peter Ladd, Charles City County, Va.

(Note: The above was sent to me by Nell Elkins Bearce, 500 Avalon Drive, W. Memphis, Tenn. taken from Charles City County, V_a. Will Book 1799-1808, p.406.)

W.A. Moody's record showed William Ladd b. Charles City County, Va. (or Westmoreland Co.) as the father of Ann who married John Damron and list his children as follows: Jesse b. about 1761; Joseph b. about 1763; Ann b. 4 March, 1765, at Westmoreland Co., Va. (or Charles City County, Va.). James D. b. about 1767; Jane b. about 1769; Sarah b. 1771, Thomas b. 1773, of Cumberland Church Vestry birth record; Elizabeth b. 1775, Robert m. Mary Terrell.

V. THE LADDS IN THE REVOLUTION

As the Ladds were Quakers, they were not usually very active in any kind of wars but we have the record of a few of them. When I was in the National Archives, Pension Bureau, in Washington, I looked up the pension of William Ladd, File 8079, William and Mary Ladd, widow, of New Kent County, Va. His declaration is dated May 13, 1833, and says that William Ladd appeared before the court as a resident of the County of New Kent, Virginia, age 73, and stated that "he first entered service under Capt. Lyddall (?) Bacon of the County of New Kent,Va. The Colonel was Richmond Allen of said County and State. On the 4th Jan. 1781 marched to Providence Forge (?) in the said county and after remaining there 8-10 days went on to Song (?) Bridge, said county, where some of the Regular Troops were stationed under the command of Genl. Nelson and Major Ragsdale (during Arnold invasion thence he was marched under Capt. Jos. Holt to the City of Williamsburg and thence to Hampton, Va. where several of the barges or boats of the enemy were taken when sent ashore for the purpose of plundering, and that on the 19th of March, 1781, he returned home... again went with Bacon till about May, 1781, and went home... that he again entered the service the 20th day of June, 1781 , under Lieut. Jacob Varden, commanded by Colo. Richardson and was marched to Malvern Hills in the County of Henrico, Virginia, thence to the Brook Bridge about 7 miles above Richmond and thence to New Castle in Hanover County;,... Gen. Nelson was in command... he was attached to the 2d Regiment of Virginia Militia, commanded by Colo. Taylor and Goodall. Has no documentary evidence." The first page is interesting and should be photostated.

A note on the file says: "William Ladd d. May 1834, New Kent County, Va. Priv. in company of Capt. Bacon of regt. com.by Col. Allen." On 12 May, 1843, Mary Ladd, age 84, has a declaration for a widow's pension, signed X, but in one place the name is given as "Margaret" Ladd. This states that William Ladd d. 1834 and his will is of record in theCounty Office, New Kent County. He had eight children. Another affidavit 28 Jan. 1845, says: "I James Clopton, pastor of the Baptist Church, well knew William Ladd and Mary, his wife, formerly of said County of New Kent, as also all the children of the same, that the oldest child of the said William and Mary Ladd by the name of John Ladd is now about sixty-three years... He and the said John Ladd went to school together." The widow received $20 per annum from March 3, 1843.

Gwathmey's Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution, 1938, lists William Ladd with New Kent County pensioners, and an Edward Lad, 1st Light Dragoons. He also lists James Ladd with the 1st Virginia State Regiment. There was no pension for James Ladd in the Bureau. Ruth Damron Dorius went to the Adjutant General's office in the Archives and wrote: "1 VSR James Ladd, Capt. Abner Crump's Co. Col Gibson (dec'd 25 Mar. 1778), I have checked what they have on the names of Dameron and Ladd. Have been told only 400 pay vouchers were ever found. All other records are what we see published in the Revolutionary books, I suppose."

Brumbaugh's Revolutionary War Records lists Ladds as follows: Benjamin W., James, Joseph, William, Nevill etc.

Mrs. Pearce found in South Carolina "John Ladd, an Army Officer of the company my Crawford was in; the date was 1776; and a little later there was one Amos Ladd in Georgia. He was there many years, and possibly died there but I cannot find his will in Ga. There was one Amos Ladd in S.C. but have nothing on him."

NOTES ON THE SHULTZ FAMILY OF KENTUCKY AND PENNSYLVANIA

Ruth Damron Dorius sent me some notes saying: "I finally found the Shultz name in North Carolina, also what I consider quite a lead to do more research on that line. In the History of Wachovia (Moravian Records): Company A, Forsyth Rifles, P.T. Shultz among families connected with the church, 1861. Company B Forsyth Grays, James E. Shultz, Cornelius A. Shultz, 1861. In 1902 Henry Shultz is among the families and doing fine work in church. (Winston-Salem.) The Moravian Church had centers in Bethlehem, Northampton County, Nazareth, Northampton County, and at Lititz, Lancaster County, Pa. Lancaster County is next to York County, where the Shultz were supposed to have been. Also there was a big center in Winston-Salem." She found John R. Shultz w.b. N.C. not Penn.

She added a note on "Methodist ministers born and reared in Rowan County, N.C.: Moses Brock, James F. Smoot, Wm. C. Wilson and James Wilson, and Leonidas W. Crawford. (Rowan County, Rumple, 1929). J.P. Crawford, minister (Meth.), Golconda Conf. 1836--Ill. From Hinshaw Ency. Quakers of Va., V. 6, 1804, 12-24, John Damron and Sarah Moore dau. of Wm. (Campbell Co., Va.); 1840, 18-24, Amos Ladd and Eliz. Ann Smith (Bedford Co., Va.)"

Near Winston-Salem is Clemmons, a town founded by the family of that name in pre-Revolutionary days. Moravians maintain a church there still. Then you cross the Yadkin River, and come to the region where the Moodys lived. Stokes towns and counties were named for John Stokes, a revolutionary figure. Near here also is the old Harmony Mills Campground where revivals were held for many years. Then comes Bethany Presbyterian Church erected 1855, but the congregation existed in 1775 near the site of the cabins of the first Scotch-Irish settlers from Pennsylvania. This was then the hunting grounds of the Cherokee and Catawba Indians and old Ft. Dobbs was built for protection nearby. Harmony is in Iredell County (formerly Rowan), and Houstonville nearby is where Thomas Moody and the Youngs lived, who later inter-married with the Damerons twice. Not far away is where Nancy Hanks attended school, near Catawba Lake, mother of Lincoln. The Yadkin flows through Iredell into Davie. Ashboro in Randolph County in this general area is where the Methodists were very strong about 1837. At the Hoover Hill Churchyard is buried Andrew Hoover, ancestor of President Herbert Hoover--he was a Quaker named Huber, who came from Germany to Philadelphia in 1738, and to this area in 1774, having a plantation and gold mine nearby. Daniel Boone lived and learned woodcraft in David County at Mocksville, and his parents are buried not far distant. This region was settled between 1740 and 1750 by Scotch, Irish and English, and some Germans later from Moravian Wachovia (now called Winston-Salem, which was the Moravian center). Kit Carson also was from the Iredell region and his uncle married the sister of Thomas Moody's wife, Mary Moody. The W.P.A. Guidebook to North Carolina says: "The constant stream of families moving from Pennsylvania and Maryland to North Carolina followed the 'upper road' through the mountains or the 'lower road' across the Coastal Plain. They traveled in large parties, camping out at night, and buying food from farmers along the way. Some of the men in the party, on horseback or on foot, preceded the wagons, to clear the way, others followed as rear guard." P. 66.

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Ruth Dorius found in Early German Immigrants to Penn: Jon Christian Shultz, minister, aged 30 years, Swiss-German, left Sept. 25, 1732, Palatine, imported in ship Loyal Judith of London, Robt. Turpin, Master, from Rotterdam. Johan George Schultz left 14, 1749. J. Henry Shultz Nov. 3, 1752, ship, Queen of Denmark, George Parish, Commander, from Hamburg. (Note: Age of Jon Christian S. is the same as the John of Bethania, N.C. I believe this is John R.'s father.)

Ruth Damron Dorius sent further information Apr. 8, 1953, from the Library of Congress: "Court Place Rowan Co. 1753-1767, Page 724, a deed from Patrick Mullins to Moses Dameron for 60 acres dated 2 Feb. 1767, proved by Hugh Denmon (?) in-open court. Page 723, a deed from Wm. Johnson to Moses Damron for 70 acres dated Aug. 1767, proved by Hugh Denmun.

"From Mariam a few months ago: Deeds of Stokes County, 1790-1801 (keep in mind when counties were cut off), Page 273, George Danner, of the county of Rowan, N.C. (I think this is John's brother) sells to Jonathan Miller of Stokes Co. for $500 his plantation in Washovia in Stokes Co. on the south fork of Muddy Creek, 1893-4 acres (Land bought by Danner from F.W. Marshall in 1786 (Surry Co. Bk. D. p. 368). A quarter acre of the above land to be for a burial place and kept in good fence forever after where the said Geo. Danner's father, mother, brother and children are buried. Wit: Henry Ripple and Jacob Sheel. 10 Nov. 1799.

"From N.C. Moravian Hist. by V.T. Reichel, 1857: In the appendix I found--first settlers: Schulz, John, born 1703 in Basle, Switzerland, came to N.C. in 1769. Died 1788 in Bethania, N.C. (Bethania is a small town between Salem and Germantown (where the Ladds were). The towns are about 12 miles apart.

"The Moravians came down from Penn. in 1752 and made a big settlement called Wachovia or Wachau. Leader was Bishop Spangenberg. Washovia was also Dobbs Parish until 1776. The land was in forks of Gargalee or Muddy Creek (Rowan Co. 1770, Stokes 1789, Forsythe 1848). The General Assembly of N.C. 1782 invested in F.W. Marshall, his heirs and assigns forever, the Wachovia tract and all other lands in N.C. which he had acquired for the Brethren. After the death of Marshall, 1802, the following were administrators of Unity Estates of Wachovia: Chris. Benzien, 1802-11, Lewis de Schweinitz, 1812-21; Theodore Schultz, 1821-44. (H.A. Shultz was minister in the town of Freidberg, 1832-39.)

"In 1764, two companies of settlers arrived from both Penn. and Europe.

"In the Moravian girls school were: Johanna Eliz. Schulz 1822-24; Caroline 1822, Lisette, 1828, Dorothea Matilda, 1835.

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"Litiz County, Pa. marriages--Nov. 20, 1744, Cath. Schultz--Willhelm Saur; Nov. 22, 1744 Elisabet and Martin Rhein (Rudisil).

"York Co., Taxables 1779--Valentine Schultz; also Thomas Schultz. Corodus Township: Lawrence Shultz, Jacob Rudisill; Heideberg Township: Jacob Rudisill, Fred. Peter, Henry Shultz; Germany Township, Joseph Shultz; Berwick, Ferdinand Shultz; York township, John Shultz ex'r for Conrad Holtzbaum."

She also added a note on Capt. Henry Dudley (com. 2d Va. Regt.)--Auditors acct. books V. 7, 198, from spec. Report for Archives, 1911, H.J. Eckenrode, House of Delegates, 1835-6, Doc. 6, 83, H.D. Oct. 1792, 131 Oct. 1792, 54. Dudley, H. E 5 (Executive Papers); E 2, Heitman 160; C.J. 1777-78; 221; C.J. 1782-2; 216."

Virkus' Handbook of American Genealogy, A-60, has Frank Mitchell Arnold, b. 1889, of 3032 Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Ill. who wanted parentage and data on Jonas Rudisill, Sr. d. 1799 and his wife Maria Elizabeth Moul(d), m. 1754, both of York County, Pa.

Ruth Dorius further notes: John R. Shultz was b. N.C. not Penn. Found him with John, Jr. in 1850 census; 81 years, coop-farmer. From book on Tenn., Cousins: on lower Cypress Creek first settlers--Capt. Job Rogers (Jacob); Lathams, Carney; McLeans; Shultz, Damerons. Upper Cypress: Thompsons, Thomas Ross, Branns. (This is in Weakley Co., Tenn. 'Much of land entered by Military land warrants and Fed.Gov "John R. Shultz, first county court, bench of Justice of Peace. First trial empaneled both John R. and John M. Shultz.

There is an interesting new book out by Dixon Wecter, Sam Clemens of Hannibal, 1952, a biography of Mark Twain, who is considered to be the epitome of American humor and American tradition. His background is so exactly like that of the Dameron-Shultz families that I will quote from it to show the places he lived in etc. The Shultz family lived in Adair County, Ky., where Sarah Elizabeth was born who married John Damron, Jr. There were also Damrells there, which is one way of spelling Dameron, in the general region, the reference on p. 44 being to Florida, as will be noted later. Eliza Damrell was the baby-sitter for young Sam Clemens. Mark Twain's stories are full of ancestral lore, and he was very proud of his Virginia ancestry. He is said to be descended from a regicide judge in England who signed the death warrant of Charles I. P. 2 says: "Beyond question this Gregory Clement had a son names James, a Quaker who emigrated to Long Island in 1670, founding an American family that produced at least one Samuel Clement early in the eighteenth century. Sam's paternal grandmother was Pamela Goggin Clemens, descendant of Christopher Reynolds of Isle of Wight County, Va. The next Christopher had a daughter Elizabeth who in 1704 married a young Quaker, Charles Moorman. The Reynolds and Clarks were also Quakers. "The forebears who united these Quaker strains may have left a family heritage not unconnected with their famous descendant's bias toward pacifism, his sturdy anti-authoritarianism and anti-clericalism, his horror of debt, and his instinctive sympathy for all underdogs and minorities against cruelty and bullying in any form." P. 3. The Moormans were of Nansemond. Thomas and Rachel Moorman joined the Golansville Meeting in Caroline, and later bought a farm in Bedford (later Campbell) County, then in 1765 moved to the well-known Quaker settlement along the James River near Lynchburg, the South River Meeting. Among their thirteen children were Mark Twain's great-grandmother Rachel, and one or two who were disowned for marrying "out of meeting." Rachel m. 1773 Stephen Goggin, Jr. b. on Flat Creek on the Roanoke River in Bedford County, Va. and here he built a log cabin for Rachel on Goose Creek near the Blue Ridge. Pamela was born here 1775 in Bedford, grandmother of Mark Twain, who married Samuel B. Clemens. The cabin was lived in by a negro family until 1949 when it burned, and the whole family with it.

Pamela's first child was John Marshall, named for the rising lawyer, and he had a brother named Pleasant--for the Quaker family no doubt of that name. In 1803 Samuel and Pamela sold their Goose Creek home to Samuel Hancock for L 105, and crossed the Alleghenies into Mason County, W. Va. There Samuel Clemens was killed by a log helping at a neighbor's log-raising. The widow moved to Kentucky with her brother "Jubal" Goggin and married Simon Hancock, of Bedford. Pamela's "brother Thomas and her younger sister Polly, who in 1801 had married Alexander Gill, all eventually moved to Adair County, Kentucky. Here the pennyroyal grew like bluegrass so it was called the "Pennyrile." "Organized in 1801 with the building of a brick courthouse in the village of Columbia, Adair County became a region of small but fairly prosperous farms, its limestone soil supporting corn, wheat, and tobacco, and its rolling hillsides givingpasture to livestock. (This is a beautiful region to see when travelling through Kentucky--incidentally it is the limestone and mineral which make bluegrass so good for horses and stock, so that no other region can produce this kind of animals.) Pamela married Hancock in 1809 in Adair Countyand in 1821 the estate of her first husband was divided--chiefly in slaves, in Adair. John M. Clemens, father of Sam, was a lawyer in Columbia, Adair County, with Cyrus Walker, and looked like "Old Hickory himself," Andrew Jackson. He was a man of "stern Puritan morality... in a region where Tom Paine was the author most widely read.... he 'inclined to the Campbellites.' (P. 15.) In 1823 in Adair County John M. married Jane Lampton, dau. of Benjamin, one of the most beautiful women in the state with red hair which Sam inherited. "She took part in the custom in Kentucky and Tennessee of going on horseback from house to house

during the week from Christmas to New Year. To the music or one or two violins they danced all night, slept a little, ate breakfast, and danced all day at the next house." This is the Virginia tradition--dancing and fiddling.

Margaret Casey was Sam's maternal grandmother, and her mother was Jane Mohtgomery, dau. of an Irishman named William from Virginia who moved to Kentucky in 1779 to Green River, twelve miles from Logan's Fort. The fort had been built by his son-in-law, the noted Revolutionary Indian fighter, Benjamin Logan. In 1780 the Indians surrounded the four Montgomery cabins at night and killed William. Jane held the Indians off with a gun, while her sister Betsey climbed out of the chimney and got help. The Indians also killed Jane's brother John and captured his wife andother women and children. Jane and William Casey, a buckskin rifleman, lived at Casey's Station in Lincoln County until 1790 when they led a colony to a wild country"in the heart of what became Green, and later, Adair County. Here, on Russell's Creek, near present-day Columbia, Col. Casey built a blockhouse and stockade... in the Dark and Bloody Ground." There was much bloodshed with the Indians. Casey county was named for him. His daughter Peggy, married Benj. Lampton, and later on Sam Clemens was fascinated with this family's claims to the earldom of Durham in England, as the story is told in his books in fun. Benj. Lampton was ruined in business during a depression and even had to sell a dozen Windsor chairs.

Thus Sam was "a mingling of English middle-class and Irish blood on both sides, of Quakers and Indian fighters, independent farmers and small slaveholders."

Sam's parents spent their first years in a two-story brick house in Columbia, Kentucky, known as the "Clemens" house, but before 1825 they moved from Adair County over the line into Jackson County, Tennessee, near Jane's cousin Dr. Nathan Montgomery--the upper reaches of the Cumberland River. They moved on in 1827 to Jamestown in Fentress County, where John M. Clemens wore a blue swallow-tail coat with brass buttons, typical of the Virginians who moved westward and wanted to be "gentlemen." He obtained grants for thousands of acres of land and the Clemens family talked of it for years after but never realized any profit from it, though the father died in extreme poverty. About 1831 Clemens moved to Three Forks of WolfRiver and kept a crossroads store. However, Jane's sister Martha Ann had married a Virginian, John Adams Quarles in Ky. in 1825 and moved to Florida, Monroe County, Missouri. "The wash of migration from Kentucky and Tennessee into the newer territory of Missouri, in the wake of Daniel Boone himself, was now approaching full tide, following the Missouri Compromise...way stations for the tarrying of two or three decades before the westward march swept them across the Great River. America was promises and mobilityburned in the blood. Their scion Mark Twain sang, "John, John, the piper's son, He married me when I was young. We journeyed toward the setting sun, Over the hills and far away."

Mark Twain's father was a stout Whig and the panic of 1834 ruined him. Mark Twain was born in Missouri sometime after the trek, in 1835, to Florida. It had a population of 100 on Salt River. Sam was a very sickly child and his doctor was Thomas Jefferson Chowning (the Chownings are from Lancaster Co., Va.) P. 44 says: "No less than seven claimants have been advanced by their kin for the honor of putting the first garment on the child. The likeliest are Polly Ann Buchanan... and Mrs. Edmund Damrell, wife of the pioneer who built the first house in Florida. She appears as 'old Mrs. Damrell' among the gossips into whose clack the luckless Huck Finn blunders in the living room of the Phelps (Quarles) plantation, after the escape of Nigger Jim... Mrs. Damrell's daughter Eliza, aged fifteen at the time of Sam's birth, later told her children and grand-children she had frequently served in Jane Clemens absence as baby sitter..." After the Panic of '37 the family moved to Hannibal, Missouri, on the river.

PART THREE: NOTES ON THE SHULTZ FAMILY.

Ruth Damron Dorius sent a sheet issued by the Chamber of Commerce, Winston - Salem, N.C., 106 North Cherry Street, "Guide to Points of Interest,"one of the guides being Mrs. T.J. Boyd, 536 S. Liberty. It says First Street was the original dividing line between the towns of Winston and Salem before they were consolidated in 1913, and No. 19 is the "Schultz House and Shop, 712-14 S. Main, 1819. Shoe Shop," thisbuilding in Salem. No. 4 was the "Moravian Graveyard, or God's Acre,' contains more than 3,000 graves, all having identical, flat white-marbled markers to symbolize the equality of the dead. It has been in use by Moravians in the city since 1771 and is the closing scene of the Moravian Easter Sunrise Service, one of the most widely-known religious services in America, having been held here for over 150 years and attracting over 50,000 visitors annually. On the same side of the block next the Schultz house were John Vogler, Christpph Vogler (next door) Kuscheke (other side) John Christian Blum, pioneer banker, Ebert-Reich House, and Salem Tavern 1784. The R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. has guided tours in this city--Camels and Prince Albert etc. Milton Ladd's mother was the daughter of Elisha Reynolds. When I was travelling to the Great Smoky mountains about 1944, I went to the old section of Winston-Salem and saw all these places, some then lived in chiefly by negroes in a dilapidated section. They are now trying to make it a tourist center.

The folder on "Winston-Salem," says: "Salem was founded as a church community in 1766 by Moravians who had come to Carolina from Pennsylvania. Winston was founded in 1849 as the county seat of newly-created Forsyth County." It has a population of 87,811, and is on the Piedmont Plateau. The Moravian Church Archives aee listed as No. 5, and the old Salem Boys School is now Wachovia Museum.

Ruth also sent notes by Mariam Cropper on North Carolina. In Stokes County, Marriages, S.1, she found:

Fredrick Shuts x md. Sally Hess 4 Dec. 1804.
Louisa Shults and James Brendel, 8 Apr. 1841.
A.E. Shultz (bride) and Alex C. Blum, 15 May 1843.
Ana Maria Shultz and John Gambold, 4 Apr. 1823.
Anna Susanna Shultz and William Hauser, 29 Nov. 1832.
Carolina " and Abraham Steiner, Jr. 20 Nov. 1823.
Dorthea M. " and David Clewell, 27 Jan. 1839.
Louisa " and Thomas Conrad, 1 Feb. 1848.
Jacob Shults and Ellenora Vierling 16 Apr. 1815.
August Henry Shultz and Rebecca M. Baggs, 16 Apr. 1833.
Edmond I. " and Cynthia Thomas, 1 Sept. 1845.
John Henry " and Sabina Christman, 18 June. 1823.
(John J.)(?) " and Rebecca Crews 10 Feb. 1824 (Remember the Ladds intermarried with Crews.). Jacob Shults bondsman.
Sanford B. Shultz and Delilah Foltz, 3 Dec. 1838.
Romulus A. Scholz and Christina Spergan, 4 Mar. 1843.

In Rowan County, N.C. Marriages, she found John Reudasil and Nancy Cook, 10 Dec. 1832; John x Rudasille and Sally Jacobs 29 Oct. 1810, also Shorts and Shoats there, no Shultz or Scholtz. There was a Betsy Rudisil in the brides' index. Went through F. NC S 3a, pt. 1, Index to Deeds, Surry Co., 1771-1800 again. No Rudisill or Shultz here that I can see. Have worked this before for Damrons and Ladds, but just to double check , here they are again. (See Part II.)

THE SHULTZ GENEALOGY

Ruth Damron Dorius is the researcher who has tracked down the Shultz family and although we do not have the proofs as yet on all of it, I will try to make a genealogy sheet for this family as follows:

I. JON CHRISTIAN SHULTZ, minister, aged 30 years, Swiss-German, on Sept. 25, 1732, left the Palatine in Germany in the ship Loyal Judith of London, from the port of Rotterdam, Master, Robt. Turpin. (See Early German Immigrants to Pennsylvania.) He was born 1703 in Basle, Switzerland, and went to North Carolina in 1769 to the Moravian settlement at what is now Winston-Salem. He died 1788 in Bethania, N.C., a small town between Salem and Germantown (where the Ladds were). (See North Carolina Moravian History by V.T. Reichel, appendix "First Settlers." In the History of North Carolina Cemeteries, Bethania, N.C. are listed Johannes Schultze born 7-5-1703, died 7-11-1788. "Old Father J. Christian Shultz had son Geo. (wife Maria)--Fries' History of N.C. Christian Schutze, wife Ann Dorothy were in Salisbury township, Penn., Dec. 1754. In the cemetery is also listed George Shutz b. 12-3-1730, died 9-9-1789, and on the same day Maria Schulz b. 4-21-1744, d. 9-9-1789. These must be the parents of John Rudisill Shultz, our ancestor.

II. GEORGE SHULTZ b. 12-3-1730, died 9-9-1789, on the same day as his wife Maria, b. 4-21-1744, d. 9-9-1789, in Bethania, N.C. He was probably born in the Palatine two years before his parents left there for Pennsylvania. His wife was named Maria.

III. JOHN RUDISILL OR RUDISHILL SHULTZ born 1769 in North Carolina, the year his father arrived in the Moravian settlement, if he came with the grandfather. (It was originally stated that he was born in Pennsylvania in 1769, which might have been before they left for N.C. I have not seen any proof of where he was born. He died 1855. His wife was Susannah McLain b. 1772 in Pennsylvania. His mother was undoubtedly named Rudishill of the Pennsylvania family of that name. (Note: since writing above noted that Mrs. Dorius found John Rudishill Shultz in the 1850 Census in Henderson County, Texas "John R. Shultz, 81 b. N.C." This census lists: "John Damron, 59, farmer, $640, b. Virginia; wife Sarah 51, b. Ky., Geo. W. 20 b. Tenn. Wm. W. b. Tenn.; Sarah M. 14, b. Mo., Cynthia E. 12, b. Mo.; Joseph Warren 9, b. Mo." From this we see him in the household with the John Damron, Jr. family as an old man of 81, listed as "coop-farmer." In 1779 in York County, Pa. taxables was listed Jacob Rudisill, Corodus Township, together with Lawrence Shultz and Valentine Schultz. In Heideberg Township also was Jacob Rudisill and Henry Shultz; also in York township John Shultz was ex'r for Conrad Holtzbaum. (Frank Mitch 11 Arnold, 3032 Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Ill. was looking for data on Jonas Rudisill, Sr. d. 1799 and his wife Maria Elizabeth Moul(d), m. 1754, both of York County, Pa.) Mrs. Cropper found Rudisells in Lincoln County, N.C. but no Damerons nor Ladds--Henry, Philip Wirey, Michael.

In Barry County, Missouri, where John Damron's youngest children were born, we find John Shultz appointed Judge for Tryon township May 19, 1835. John R. Shultz was Justice of the Peace and performed marriages from 1837-38-39 but none afterward.

McLain is a Scottish name. Ruth found Paley McClain in Maury Co., Tenn. 1820, with Jehosophat Ladd, Richardson Gill, Abel Wilson etc. In Weakley County, Tenn. where John Damron, Jr. lived for a time, were in the Deeds, 1827-33, John M. McLain, along with the following Damrons: Charles, George, John, John T., Moses and William. Also there were Schultz: Charles M., David, Jacob. In the 1820 census in Washington D.C. for Adair County, Ky. I found Richard Shultz and John McLain. Ephraim McLain was in Rowan Co., N.C. Sept. 20, 1775.

In naming their children, John Damron, Jr. and Sarah Elizabeth Shultz, apparently named Susannah for the McLains, and probably William Wallace for the famous Scottish hero of "Scottish Chiefs", Sarah Matilda and Laura Louisa seem to be Shultz names. The wife of Bishop Henry A. Shultz who served with him in his ministery was named Rebecca Matilda (Bagge) Shultz b. 1808, near Salem, N.C. d. with still-born child 1849, age 41. They were in Pennsylvania and after 1844 in Bethlehem. Perhaps the Matilda was named for her, as no doubt Henry A. Shultz was a close relative, perhaps a brother of John R. Shultz. He later became High Commissioner in Moravian, which was a high honor. As to the name Cynthia, we are not sure who the Cynthia Damron is who was buried beside John Damron, Sr., in Ill. She might be the wife of one of his sons, and John Jr. may have named a daughter for her if she died young and childless, which was customary.

In the 1820 Census of Adair County, Kentucky, were John Shultz in the 35-45 age group or over (our John would be 51), with 5 males and 2 females. Near him were listed the Damrons: Joseph 2 males, 5 females; John, George, Robert. In 1830 were listed John Damron with 9 males and 2 females, George 30-40, Joseph 30-40 Samuel 30-40 (one female here 60-70 yrs.--b. about 1761?) There were also in Adair County, Ky. 1850 census: Samuel Dameron b. N.C., Wilson, Sanderson, John, George; also John S. b. 1799 in Va., with Judith Winnefred age 89 b. Va.

The records of W.W. Damron show the children of John Rudishill Shultz and Susannah McLain were:

1. John McLain Shultz b. about 1792.
2. David Shultz b. 1794.
3. Charles McLain b. 1796, d. in Missouri, m. Mary _____.
4. Joseph b. 1798, m. Cynthia _____.
5. Sarah Elizabeth b. 18 April, 1799, in Adair County, Ky. m. John Damron.

(We may speculate that the Cynthia who married Joseph Shultz might later have married a Damron in Illinois and been buried there; and that Cynthia Elizabeth was named for her by Elizabeth Shultz Damron. In any case, this Cynthia is a mystery, as also is Belviritta and one or two others in Illinois.) John McLain would appear to be the name of the father of Susannah and may have been the one in 1820 Census of Adair County, Ky.

IV. SARAH ELIZABETH SHULTZ b. 18 April, 1799, in Adair County, Kentucky, m. John Damron, Jr. and had ten children, the first, Susannah being b. 1816 in Tennessee. We have the record of Susannah's marriage with the "first pioneer groom of Newton County, Mo." Joshua Brock. They were married at John Damron's house near Sarcoxie on Center Creek by Sq. Vivion and went to their new furnished cabin afterward, leaving a merry party celebrating the event at John Damron's. After her husband died, Sarah Elizabeth Shultz Damron left Texas with her children in 1857 and crossed the plains to Utah, where she died about 1861 at Charleston and is buried at Heber City, according to Sarah Margaret Moody. Now where did she marry John Damron,Jr.? Did he make a trip to see some cousins in Adair County, Ky. and meet her there? There were McLains and Shultz families in Benton, Franklin County, Ill. In 1853 A.D.L. Shultz gave a note to Crawford there, John McLain m. Malinda Smith 20 Mar. 1829 and was still there in 1843. (See p. 11-b, PART TWO.) James McLain m. Lydia Smith 4 Nov. 1839, p. 100. Miliza McClane m. Eli Smith Oct. 1, 1846 etc. Therefore the McLains and Shultz families may have migrated to Illinois where Elizabeth might have married John Damron, Jr. about 1815. Elvira was b. in Franklin County, Ill. 27 Oct. 1815, so John Sr. was there at this time--but might he not have been in Kentucky a little earlier? He was in Tennessee 1811. However, John R. Shultz was in Kentucky in 1820.

BALLAD OF THE DAMERONS

Oh, the Damerons came from Suffolk
Many long years ago.
There were Captain John and Lawrence,
These are the first we know.

Northumberland was where they were
In sixteen fifty-two--
Thomas and George and Dorothy,
Lawrence and Bartholomew.

In Dameron Marsh at Guarding Point
They built a house to cherish,
It looked out on the Chesapeake,
In Wicomico Parish.

The line of George stayed in the house,
But a hundred years ago,
They sold it to the Hardings,
To Mila they did go.

Lawrence went to Westmoreland,
Thomas wed with Sarah Bledsoe,
If one was our John's pappy,
I surely wish he'd said so.

Barth. left a line of Christophers
In Smoky Ordinary,
Found down in Brunswick County--
This chase was also merry.

But where is the lost Dameron John,
Who left no hide nor hair?
He has five women chasing him,
And doesn't even care.

Two chased him in Northumberland,
And one in Carolina,
Nell ended up in Georgia
On a Mississippi liner.

We know in the days of Seventy-six,
That he was a drummer boy.
His tombstone calls him "Captain"
Out there in Illinois.

We found him sick at Valley Forge
But no case history.
We know that he wed Anna Ladd,
But where--that is the mystery.

Oh, where are the snows of yester-
year,
And where then was Captain John?
The most elusive shadow
That e'er the sun shone on.

A pilgrimage to Illinois
Was made by Mariam.
She could not find the place he lived,
But found where they did bury him.

Episcopal minister he was,
Travelling preacher too,
That must be why he bought no land,
And why he left no clue.

We've chased him in the Archives,
And in the Census Bureau,
And in more than one library,
we've caused more than one furore.

Damerons are very southern,
To South and West they go,
But north you will not find them
Out in the sleet and snow.

Oh, the Damerons came from England
Many long years ago,
They blazed the trails from East
to West,
But John left none to show.

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C O N T E N T S

THE DAMERON-DAMRON GENEALOGY: APPENDICES.

THE FAMILY RECORDS OF LOUISE H. DAMERON AND MRS. O.A. KEACH

Miss Louise H. Dameron of 105 East Grove Avenue, Sarasota,Florida, sent me her records and those she had compiled by Mrs. O. A. Keach, of Wichita, Kansas. Some of these were in long hand and contain additional material from that which was published in Tyler's Quarterly, V. 4, p. 54, continued, and ending p. 122. At the end of this section, Miss Dameron had a page with this information: "Rushbrooke of Woolpit, Arms, Sable, a fesse between three cinquefoils or "to London", Harl. ms. 1085, p. 22.

"Richard Rushbrooke of _____, Sorrelsius Corm= Suff.
:
Christopher Rushbrooke of Woolpitt in Corm. Suff. = Mary da. of Richard Langham of Stowmarkett (in Corm. Suff.)
:
Richard Rushbrook of Woolpitt in Corm. Suff. m. Anne, da. of Edwin Dameron of Ipswich.
:
Elizabeth Annie Mary"

The following is a continuation from Tyler 4 p. 122, in Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine, July, 1926, V. VIII, No. 1, p. 42:

"DAMERONS OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY
Contributed by Mrs. O. A. Keach, Wichita, Kansas.

"The original plantation of Lawrence Dameron, the immigrant, seated in 1652, and situated in parish of Wicomico*, in Northumberland County, Virginia, came to be known as 'Guarding Point.' This name was due to the situation of the plantation at the lower end of Chesapeake Bay; and a certain observation point on the shore served as a lookout post for lower Northumberland from the time of Bacon's Rebellion, through all the wars down to the present time. But after the war of the Revolution, in course of time, 'Guarding Point' became 'Garden Point,' and that name significantly describes this beautiful setting of the old brick manor house on that stretch of Virginia shore. 'Guarding Point' was the heritage of Lawrence Dameron's second son, George Dameron, and some of his descendants successively held this seat of land from 1652 until 1849.

"George, second son of Lawrence and Dorothy Dameron, was born in England in 164_. He married Elizabeth Dennis, widow of John Dennis, about 1680. Elizabeth had an infant daughter(of John Dennis) Sarah, described as 'daughter and heir of John Dennis', who married Philip Tignor in 1699, as a later record shows.

"The brothers, Bartholomew and George Dameron, were prominent in county and church affairs and in organizing and shaping the life of this early community.

"The Dameron family, through its long history, though seldom holding political office, always maintained its prominence and distinction in social, civic and church life in this historic center of old Virginia. There are many glimpses of George Dameron in the ancient court-books of Northumberland Co., and an interesting example of the serious regard in which the courts held grand jury duty is shown in a record of April 17, 1689, ordering the Sheriff 'to summon to the next court at least eighteen of the most able and fitting men inhabiting this county to be sworn on the Grand Inquest of the County.' The list included both Bartholomew and George Dameron. Some time before this George Dameron had brought suit against his neighbor, Major John Harris, over the boundary lines of his land. Settlement was made by the official survey of Capt. John Haynie. During September, 1696, Bartholomew and George Dameron helped to appraise the estate of Capt. William Lee, a son of Col. Richard Lee of the Dividing Creek.

"3. Mr. George Dameron died intestate early in 1698. On May 19 of that year, Bartholomew was appointed administrator of the estate of his brother, and, as no mention is made of his wife Elizabeth either at that time or later, her death doubtless occurred before that of her husband.

"George^{2} Dameron (Lawrence^{1}) and Elizabeth, his wife, had four children, identified by court records. They were: 4. Elizabeth, 5 Thomas, 6 George, 7 Lazarus.

"1702, April 15--Upon petition of Charles Ingram, the Court appointed Mr. Hancock Lee, Mr. John Harris, Mr. James Waddy, and Mr. Bartholomew Schrever to divide the estate of Mr. George Dameron, deceased, into four equal parts and possess the said Charles Ingram, who married one of the said Dameron's daughters, with her part of said deceased's estate. This daughter was Elizabeth. Mr. Dameron's step-daughter, Sarah Dennis, asked for her estate on October 19, 1699, soon after her marriage with Philip Tignor.

"1702, July 15, George Dameron, orphan son of Mr. George Dameron, made choice of Mr. Christopher Garlington as his guardian, and Thomas Dameron, orphan son of George Dameron, chose his Uncle Bartholomew his guardian. On September 20, 1704, Lazarus, son of George Dameron, also made choice of his Uncle Bartholomew as his guardian. Thomas Dameron came of age in 1704, and after Bartholomew's death, Lazarus Dameron moved the court to appoint his brother Thomas his guardiah. These records then prove that George and Elizabeth Dameron had issue:

"4. (a) Elizabeth, born about 1681, married Charles Ingram, probably in 1701. One of their daughters married Capt. Ellis Gill and had Taylor, Betty and Ellis.

"5. (b) Thomas, born 1683, according to a deposition.

"6. (c) George, born about 1685, married Margaret Taylor, daughter of Lazarus Taylor and a sister of Argail. They had two daughters: Elizabeth and Judith. Elizabeth married John Waddy. Judith married Richard Howson, grandson of Capt. Leonard and Elizabeth Lee Howson. George Dameron died in 1720, and his widow married Thomas Winters.

"7. (d), Lazarus, born about 1690, married Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Richard Smith, mentioned in his will dated November 20, 1721. Lazarus Dameron was the first member of the family to leave Northumberland County. On October 18, 1726,he was grantee for 838 acres of land in King George County. This land after 1730 lay in Prince William County. In 1749, a Richard and Lazarus Dameron died in Albemarle County, according to a note in the Richmond Times-Dispatch for April 22, 1906. It will be remembered that Lazarus Dameron, son of George, married a daughter of Richard Smith, so that it would seem probable that Richard and Lazarus Dameron belonged to the family of Lazarus, grandson of Lawrence Dameron of Northumberland. This information may prove valuable to the historians of the Dameron families in the western and southern counties of Virginia.

Col. Thomas Dameron

"5. Thomas[3] Dameron (George[2] Lawrence[1]) made a deposition March 16, 1726, in which he stated that he was 43 years of age. Thus he came of age in 1704. Until the death of his Uncle Thomas, he appears in the records as Thomas Dameron, Jr. In local history, Thomas Dameron is known as Colonel Dameron. He was probably an officer in the County Militia, and drills were held in Fairfield not far from what is now the post-office called Burgess Store. His care in bequeathing his 'pistols, holsters and sword' to his son George confirms the neighbors' history. Thomas Dameron married, probably in 1705, Katherine Hughlett, daughter of Thomas Hughlett, one of the Justices of the County Court. In June, 1706, Mr. Hughlett and his wife, Margaret, made a deed of gift of 100 acres of land to Thomas Dameron, Jr. and Katherine, his wife. On February 19, 1706, Thomas Dameron, Jr., of Wicomico parish, 'son and heir to George Dameron deceased,' and his wife Katherine, conveyed to his Uncle Bartholomew, 'one-half the land where I now live, being 100 acres which land my grandfather, Lawrence Dameron, bought of Capt. Peter Knight, situated in Great Wicomico parish--which is part of 500 acres, part land and part marsh--the corners agreed on to divide the land I still hold from the land of my Uncle Bartholomew Dameron.' This record clearly established that Thomas Dameron, Jr., was the son of George, grandson of Lawrence, and nephew of Bartholomew Dameron.

"This part of Wicomico parish was now known as Dameron's Neck. On February 17, 1709, and also the following year, the Court appointed Mr. James Waddy overseer of the highways in Dameron's Neck.

"Thomas and Katherine Hughlett Dameron had two children, Elizabeth and Thomas, both named in Thomas Hughlett's will dated November 7, 1724, and to whom he left a large estate in lands, dwellings, and personal property in St. Stephens parish. Katherine Hughlett died about 1716. Thomas Dameron, Jr. married second Winifred Conway Fielding, widow of Edward Fielding and daughter of Dennis Conway. There was much litigation over the Fielding property. On February 19, 1718, Ambrose Fielding brought suit against Thomas Dameron and Winifred,his wife, the executrix of Edward Fielding. This was one of a succession of suits, all of which were finally settled. Thomas and Winifred Conway Dameron had a daughter Winifred, born in 1719. Thomas Dameron,Jr. and Winifred were witnesses to a will March 20, 1726. Winifred died shortly after this and Thomas Dameron married about 1730, his third wife, Ann, widow of John Pope and daughter of Capt. George Ball. Capt. George Ball, son of Capt. William Ball, was born about 1680. According to family history, he was twice married. The surname of his first wife is unknown. By this first marriage, there were two or three children, among them Ann, born probably in 1702-or 3. The court records clearly prove that George Ball was married to Grace Haynie, daughter of Anthony and Sarah Harris Haynie before 1709, as Anthony Haynie in his will dated June 31, 1709, mentions his daughter, Grace Ball.

"Hayden's statement that Geo. Ball probably later married Grace Waddy is due to the fact that Sarah, the mother of Grace Haynie Ball, and widow of Anthony Haynie, m. 2nd Francis Waddy, and in her will Sarah Waddy names her daughter Grace Ball. Sarah, the mother of Grace Ball, was daughter and heir of Major John Harris.

"1713, June 18, Will of John Harris dec'd presented in Court by Sarah Haynie and George Ball, executors. 1715, Feb. 17, Mrs. Sarah Haynie acknowledges a deed of Indenture for land unto Geo. Ball gent. Order Book, 1713 to 1719, p. 98. Shortly thereafter Sarah Haynie married Francis Waddy, for on March 16, 1715, Mr. Francis Waddy and Sarah, his wife, acknowledge a deed of Indenture of lease for land unto George Ball, gent.

"The land inherited by Mrs. Sarah Haynie Waddy from her father, Major John Harris, is the famous 'Bayview' plantation, given to her daughter Grace Haynie Ball, which has remained in the possession of the descendants of Capt. George and Grace Haynie Ball to this present time. This land was adjacent to the Dameron plantation and, in 178__, George Dameron brought suit against Major Harris over their boundary lines, and a final settlement was made by the official survey of Capt. John Haynie.

"Capt. George Ball's daughter, Sarah, married Christopher Dameron, son of Bartholomew, and Ann, wife of Thomas Dameron is the mother of George Dameron, named in the will of Geo. Ball as 'my grandson George Dameron.' In Captain Ball's will dated April 14, 1746, he mentions his grandson George Dameron as follows: "My will is that L 30 current money be raised out of my estate to be layed out by my executors to buy land for my grandson George Dameron and his heirs forever.'

"Christopher and Sarah Dameron had no son George, and no mention is made, in any of the records of their family, of Captain Ball's bequest, as would have been the case on the death of the devisee. Shortly after the settlement of Captain Ball's estate, Thomas Dameron, the father of George Dameron, purchased a tract of land from John Nickles, and in his will, 1750, he specifically names this tract of land as the heritage of his son George. He also names as one of his executors, 'My friend Capt. George Ball', (son of Capt. George Ball).

"This Nickles tract is supposed to have been purchased with the money left by Captain Ball to buy land for his grandson George Dameron. Some years ago, Capt. Thomas Ball, now deceased, former assistant Attorney General, in Grover Cleveland's administration, who was born at 'Bayview,' a neighboring plantation to 'Guarding Point', and ancestral home of the Balls since the time of Captain George Ball, wrote to the author of this chronicle that Ann, wife of Thomas Dameron and mistress of the manor, was a member of his family. Capt. Thomas Ball was a recognized authority on the histories of Northumberland County families and had a marvelous memory for relationships and interesting events and traditions of the past.

"5. Col. Thomas Dameron built a brick manor house on the 'Guarding Point' plantation, probably about 1735, as a brick in the chimney bore that date. As this old manor house was the largest and finest dwelling at that time in Wicomico parish, and a center of the social life of the day, it has not only a local interest, but a wider historic value to the students of colonial days. The mansion was of red 'English brick,' two full stories and wider than it was long. It stood some distance back from the thorofare, and the entrance was through double doors, up two or three steps from what might be called a brick terrace. In the grounds were lilac bushes, roses andhollyhocks, all those flowers, according to tradition, with a 'long human history.' At the rear overlooking the Chesapeake Bay, which was perhaps three-quarters of a mile distant, was laid out the garden which came to be the pleasure and pride of the ladies of the manor, with brick walks edged with box and all the old fashioned flowers, and shrubs, and sweet smelling herbs.

"Lower down the slope, toward the sea, was the orchard, and so late as twenty years ago, an aged pear tree picturesquely twisted and gnarled still clung to its place in the sun. Close by was the burying ground where the Damerons of many generations were to 'commit their bodies to the earth.' A glimpse of the old place and the social life of later days is offered in two or three letters in my possession.

"Mrs. Louisa Hurst Ball, born September 29, 1817, daughter of Capt. James Hurst, an officer in the Revolutionary War; and wife of Thomas Ball, lived all her married life at 'Bayview' and died about 1910. Her mind was clear, and she retained a wonderful memory until she died. The last owner of the manor house was Mr. Robert J. Dameron, a great-grandson of Col. Thomas Dameron. In his later years he was quite generally called 'Uncle Robert.' Mrs. Ball wrote, 'Uncle Robert's house was called, after it was sold, the 'Brick Walls.' I remember two very large high-pitched rooms, with a wide entrance hall between. The entrance doors to the hall were double, large and tall. The whole house had the effect of spaciousness, and the windows were unusually large and deep with seats in them. The staircase was wide and, as it opened on the second floor, a more extensive apartment or hall spread out, giving an idea of airiness and space. On this hall opened the sleeping chambers. In the old days there was much gaiety here and tradition tells of the candle lighted 'great hall,' where the minuet was danced, while the negro fiddlers played and a generous hospitality was dispensed, with laughing colored servants looking on and serving the guests, with genuine enjoyment. The negroes were treated indulgently always among Virginians.

"Mrs. Sarah Wooters raised in this old house and a ward of her great-uncle Mr. Robert Dameron, mentioned above, writes, 'The front of the dwelling faced toward the highway, and the back to the sea. As I remember, the 'house' had ten rooms--including the big halls. There was a kitchen away from the house, and the little colored children used to come running across the yard with the dishes of food. This was always a source of great pleasure and excitement to them.

"I remember best the old fire place at the end of the hall, so large that you could put a fence rail in it. Uncle Robert used to have family prayers in the hall, with all the negroes gathered in. His prayers were long and the youngsters always went to sleep. There were fruits of all kinds on the place.'

"After the death of Uncle Robert Dameron, as he was called, the placepassed into the possession of John H. Harding. A new home was built on another site and the old brick manor house that had stood for about 125 years was pulled down, though it remains a landmark in the affectionate memory of all the country side now called Ball's Neck.

"Col. Thomas Dameron died in 1750 at the age of sixty-seven. His will dated March 27, 1750, and proved March 11, 1751. He gave to his son George, 'all the land I now live on with the appurtenances and also the land I bought of John Nickels.' (This land bought of John Nickels is supposed to have been purchased with the bequest in money provided in the will of Capt. George Ball, 'for land for my grandson George Dameron.') To his son George, Colonel Dameron gave furniture, stock, negroes, 'and also my pistols, holsters, sword and my new Duty of Man, to be paid to him when he shall attain the age of twenty-one or be married." In case of the death of George without heirs, the land was to become the property of his son Thomas. It shouldbe remembered that his son Thomas had been left a large estate by his grandfather, Thomas Hughlett, and was a wealthy planter living in St. Stephens parish.

"Colonel Dameron provided generously for his wife Ann, bequeathed money and also property to daughters Elizabeth Dameron, Winifred Dameron and Ann Dameron. He gave his brother Lazarus Dameron twenty shillings. The will is long and disposes ofmuch property and concludes: 'I do appoint my said wife, Ann Dameron, executrix with my friend Capt. George Ball and my son George Dameron.

"5. Col. Thomas[1] Dameron (George[2] Lawrence[1]) and his first wife, Katherine Hughlett, had two children (heirs to their grandfather, Thomas Hughlett), will dated November 7, 1724, and proved February 18, 1727. They were:

"8a. Thomas born about 1708. Inherited Thomas Hughlett's plantation in St. Stephen's parish, and was active in the public life of this parish. Appears frequently in the court records as Thomas Dameron, Jr. Died 1757 unmarried. His sister, Elizabeth Downing, was his administratrix and, under their grandfather's will, inheritedthe large estate as next heir. Amonghis effects is mentioned 'one fiddle."

"9b. Elizabeth born 170__. She married Samuel Downing, Sr. They had:

"1. Thomas Downing born May 23, 1744. Captain of Militia July 4, 1771. Sheriff of County for several years. He married Sarah Ann Rogers, and they had issue (not named in order of age): I. Thomas Dameron married Betty Cox. II. Edward married Hannah Ball. III. Samuel married Mary Edwards. IV. Katherine married Capt. Wm. Blackwell. V. Elizabeth married ____ Cox. VI.Sallie married ____ Cundiff.

"2. John Downing born May 1, 1775. Married Elizabeth Nutt, daughter of Col. Wm. Nutt.

"Colonel Dameron by his marriage with Winifred Conway had a daughter.

"10c. Winifred, born 1719. She married 1st Samuel Downing, Jr., nephewof Samuel Downing, Sr. They had issue. 1. William moved to Accomac County. 2. Anne, married Thomas Shearman. Their children were Thomas, Samuel, Winifred, Alice Chinn married September 14, 1795, her cousin Robert J. Dameron. Winifred Dameron Downing married, the second time about 1754, Captain John Williams, and they had a daughter Pattie.

"Colonel Dameron's third wife was Ann Ball. She died about 1764. Their children were:

"11a. George born 1731. Died 1801. Married about 1762 or 1763 Mary Ann Jones, daughter of Mr. Chas. Jones. See Wm. and Mary Quarterly.

"12b. Ann born 173__. Married 1764, Thomas Waddy, her second cousin, a son of John and Elizabeth Dameron Waddy. They had issue, John, Thomas,Walter, Betty, Nancy, Margaret; John Waddy's will dated 1794.

"12. George[4] Dameron (Thomas[3] George[2] Lawrence[1]) born 1731,the second son of Colonel Dameron, inherited 'the Guarding Point' plantation and a considerable part of the land first patented by his great-grandfather, Lawrence Dameron. With his mother Ann Dameron, and Capt. Geo. Ball, he was 'executor' of Colonel Dameron's will. He was a 'Processioner' in 1751, and also in 1755,for Wicomico parish, according to the Vestry Book at Alexandria Theological Seminary. In Johns Hopkins' Historical Studies, it is stated, 'Once in every four years (In Virginia Colony), the Vestry, by order of the County Court, divided the parish into precincts and appointed two persons in every precinct to procession the lands. These surveyors assisted by the neighbors examined and renewed by blazing trees or other artificial devices

the old landmarks of their fathers and reported the results to the Vestry, who recorded the same in the parish books." (Cent. Dictionary.)

"George Dameron was a vestryman of Wicomico Parish Church in 1770, and for several years thereafter. He is mentioned among the churchmen in Bishop Meade' s 'Old Churches and Families of Virginia.'

"In 1752, Moses James of Wicomico parish sold land to Haines Nickles, bounded on land lately conveyed by John Nickles to Mr. Thomas Dameron dec'd. This land is mentioned in Col. Dameron's will as noted above.

"In 1753, Sept. 14, George Dameron bought additional land of Haines Nickles, along the meanders of the Dividing Creek. Also in 1753 he bought a 'Parcel of land' from Samuel Garlington along the meanders of Dividing Creek. According to the old English custom, on Sept. 15, 1753, 'Quiet and peaceful possession of the within land was this day given unto the within named George Dameron by the delivery of turf and twigg and the latch of the door of the Mansion house."

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(Note to page one: "Northumberland County was originally divided into two parishes. The upper part of the county was called Chicacone and the lower part Wicocomoco, from the two small groups of Indians living in these sections. On Feb. 4, 1664, a member of the Court proposed that the name of the parish of Chicacone be changed to 'Fairfields' and that of Wicocomoco to 'Lee Parish'. Colonel Richard Lee had lately seated a plantation on the Dividing Creek and the change proposed may have been in his honor, or it may have been in honor of Hugh Lee 'clerke.' The name 'Fairfields' was substituted for Chicacone, but Wicomoco was retained, though it was later shortened to Wicomico, and both of these old names remain to the present time.")

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Louise H. Dameron sent me with the above a hand written mss. from O. A. Keach, Attorney and Counsellor at Law, Suite 1004 Schweiter Building, Wichita, Kansas, entitled "Additional Dameron Notes and Suggestions:

"Lawrence Dameron came to the colony with considerable wealth for those times. He selected one of the beautiful places of the world for his manor house. My line of Damerons remained on the original 'patent' or a part of it, until about 1850. Dorothy Dameron, widow of Lawrence, must have been a woman of great energy and ability as she kept her family up to the best standards and held on to the property acquired by Lawrence. Bartholomew, son of Lawrence, was prominent in his community and carried on the fine family traditions.

"Christopher, made his mark in signing his will. One is inclined to think some of these old gentlemen put off making their wills, until they were too ill to do more than 'mark'. It hardly seems possible that a man of Christopher's standing wouldn't be able to write his name. I find no evidence that Christopher had any other wife than Sarah. Dorothy Dameron had outlived her husband, so did Elizabeth, wife of Bartholomew. Neither have I found any record that intimates that Bartholomew had any other wife.than Mary who outlived him.

"There were many intermarriages between the Waddys and Damerons and the fact that Thomas Jr. named his first child Mary Waddy would suggest (not prove) that his mother may have been Mary Waddy. Then Bartholomew, his father, leaves a special bequest to "Molly" his granddaughter.

"This genealogical line is one of the very unusual and remarkable cases in which the records show where the emigrant from the state settled. I had not gone over these Thomas, Jr. records with enough attention to remember them. It had been a long time since I had seen them. The war had intervened and absorbed my whole interest, and whatever impression they had ever made on my mind had completely gone, so I was really amazed (and delighted) to find it stated in the Northumberland County court records that Thomas Dameron was of Bourbon County, Ky. It certainly would have been a pity for you not tohave had this record.

"My opinion is that Ann and Thomas did not leave Northumberland County until 1810. Theymay have visited Culpeper County on their way to Kentucky. You notice Thomas Dameron's sister Elizabeth and her husband Elisha Carter preceded him to Ky. The fact that the Damerons visited in Culpeper would give rise to the family tradition of living there. Records sometimes upset traditions, I have found many times.

"You will notice these records cover a search of nearly a hundred and sixty years in Virginia and show the following generations:

"Lawrence and Dorothy Dameron, 1652.
"Bartholomew and Elizabeth "
"Christopher and Sarah "
"Bartholomew and Mary "
"Thomas Jr. and Ann " 1810

"As a matter of interest, I will say that Lawrence Dameron's will was pronounced lost by two fine genealogists who had made the search for it. My copyist was allowed to examine a very old book fairly falling to pieces, with a large hole down through the center of the pages, with the result that so much of Lawrence Dameron's will was copied as was decipherable. I felt that it was quite a 'find.'

"The Damerons seemed to have no political ambitions or taste for politics. They ranked with the first families socially, and are even yet always mentioned with respect as among the best families.

"This compilation is made from the records, Order Books and Will Books at the Heathsville Court House, and may be confirmed at any time. There was a fire at the North'd Co. hourt house in 1710 at which time the Will and Deed books for the preceding three or four decades were burned. This was, of course, an irreparable loss, and makes the work of the historian very difficult. In some cases, however, where the original documents had been preserved and were of enough importance they were again recorded and designated as replaced after the fire. Again in a period covering a part of 1730-40, the Record Books are lost. According to tradition they were stolen or destroyed by British soldiers in the Revolutionary War. I might explain that the 'Record Books' contain wills and deeds. 'Order Books' are records of court proceedings and orders. Fortunately, the Order Books were not burned in 1710, and they are of considerable help in compiling family histories, but have not the value of the Record Books. To illustrate, there is an entry in an Order Book of 1697 showing that the will of Capt. John Haynie had been proved and recorded by his executors and the witnesses. That has its value but you can see how much greater the value of the will itself, naming his children

and their inheritance. Fortunately, the will of the first Bartholomew Dameron was replaced after the fire. As I happen to have an extra typewritten copy of that and also of the will of Lawrence Dameron, I am enclosing these copies herewith. The Order Book entry June 11, 1810, states that--"Appearing to the court that Thomas Dameron, Jr. is about to remove from the state, he be ordered to provide for an old and infirm negro woman." I feel sure this order was not needed."

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Mrs. Keach also sent to Louise H. Dameron the following manuscript on her own family:

THE FAMILY OF THOMAS DAMERON OF KENTUCKY

"Lawrence Dameron emigrated to Virginia about 1652. He obtained a patent for 342 acres of land in Northumberland County on the Wicomico River* for the transportation of seven servants or headrights into the colony. He later obtained a patent for 450 acres for the transportation of nine additional persons, including himself and his wife.

"In 1665* Lawrence Dameron purchased of Peter Knight 500 acres of land on the south side of the great Wicomico River part land and part marsh, the latter portion called Dameron's Marsh to this day. It was described as a neck of land bounded easterwardly on the Great Bay (Chesapeake Bay), westerly on the creek which received its name from the Indian Cuttawoman (afterwards called the 'Dividing Creek), northerly and northeast upon Wicomico River.

"Lawrence Dameron's will is dated May 1, 1660, and was proved December 17, 1660. This will is found in a very old and badly damaged Record Book with parts of the leaves fallen out. Enough of the will remains to be of much genealogical value. He mentions his wife, Dorothy, his sons, Bartholomew, George and Thomas. Other court records show that he had also a son, Lawrence, and a daughter, Dorothy. There is a discrepancy in the date of Lawrence Dameron's will in the Order Book, as Dorothy Dameron is mentioned as 'widow and executrix of Lawrence Dameron, deceased' in 1658. But the clerk of the Court probably made the mistake incopying the date of the will when it was recorded in 1660.

"The following record proves that Mr. Dameron had a son, Lawrence, "Know all men by these presents y^{t} wee, Dorothy Dameron, ye relict of Lawrence Dameron, deceased, and Bartholomew Dameron, his eldest son, Elizabeth, his wife are for ye love and good will etc. . . . wch wee bear unto our loving brother, Lawrence Dameron, have given . . . to our said brother an interest in a patent of 344 acres of land lying and being at the head of Wicomico River . . . November 20, 1669." Signed Bartholomew Dameron, Elizabeth Dameron, Dorothy Dameron. Recorded November 10, 1670.

"On March 16, 1692, Bartholomew and George Dameron asked that the land left them by their father be laid out and divided according to his will. March 16, 1692. Upon the petition of Mr. Bartholomew and Mr. George Dameron it is ordered by the Court that Captain George Cooper, surveyor, at a convenient time, when they shall appoint, lay out and survey their lands according to the evidence which they shall produce and make division thereof according to their father's will.

(Note by H.F.S. The first grant was not on the Wicomico River but in upper Northumberland on the Yeocomico River. The date 1665 is wrong for the Knight purchase in lower Northumberland on Wicomico River, which was in 1655-1657--this may refer to a renewal of the patent.)

"Dorothy Dameron probably died about the time this division was asked. She left no will. The issue of Lawrence and Dorothy Dameron were 2 Bartholomew, married about 1666 Elizabeth (probably Garlington), 3 George, married Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis, 4 Thomas, 5 Lawrence, 6 Dorothy married 1st Josias Gaskins, 2nd Saml. Mahan.

"2. Bartholomew, eldest son of Lawrence and Dorothy Dameron married Elizabeth. A deposition dated March 15, 1725, made by Elizabeth mentions her age as 75 and calls herself relict of Bartholomew Dameron and also names her brother, "George Dameron." Thus it appears that Elizabeth was born in 1650. It is probable (2) Bartholomew and Elizabeth were married in 1666. On November 20, 1728, Bartholomew and John Dameron appeared in court and made oath that Elizabeth Dameron departed this life without making any will so far as they knew. Bartholomew Dameron was doubtless born in England. He was a warden of Wicomico Parish Church in 1683 and in 1704 was one of the vestrymen. 2. Bartholomew Dameron, Sr., made his will August 1, 1708, and it was proved in Northumberland County, March 22, 1710. The children of Bartholomew and Elizabeth Dameron named in his will are as follows: 3. Bartholomew, 4. John, 5. Christopher, 6. Lawrence, 7. Josiah, 8. Sarah, 9. Mary, 10. Elizabeth. The arrangement of these names is only tentative, and merely listed in the order mentioned in the will. John and Mary were evidently minors in 1708.

"Christopher Dameron married Sarah Ball before 1731, as on April 30, of that year, George Ingram was arrested 'to this Court at suite of Christopher Dameron and Sarah his wife for 250 pounds current money. Sarah Ball was the daughter of Captain George Ball and is mentioned in his will as 'my daughter, Sarah Dameron' April 14, 1746. He mentions also his mother-in-law, Sarah Waddy. Sarah Waddy was the daughter of Major John Harris. See my Harris notes, Va. Historical Magazine, October, 1917, page 417. Sarah Harris, daughter of Major John Harris, married first Anthony Haynie and their daughter, Grace Haynie, married Captain George Ball before 1713. Sarah Harris-Haynie married second, Francis Waddy. Grace Haynie Ball, daughter of Anthony Haynie, was grand-daughter of Capt. John Haynie, who was Burgess, County Surveyor, King's attorney, 'gentleman justice," and officer in the Susquehanna War of 1676. He was one of the most prominent men in Northumberland County for nearly 40 years. Capt. John Haynie's wife was Jane Morris, daughter of Nicholas and Martha Morris. See my notes in Virginia Historical Magazine, April, 1917, page 192. Grace Haynie Ball in her will dated November 9, 1751, mentions her daughters, Sarah Dameron, Harris Downman and Grace Downman.

"5. Christopher^3 Dameron (Bartholomew^2, Lawrence^1) presented the will of his brother, Bartholomew Dameron, as his executor, on June 18, 1735, and was guardian of William (probably his nephew) in 1742. His will is dated 28 January, 1763. 5 Christopher^3 (^{2}Bartholomew, ^{1}Lawrence). His will, dated 28 Jan. 1763, signed with "his mark", witnessed by William Chilton, Rodham Lunsford, and Joseph Dameron (?his son), was proved 9 Jan. 1764. To his wife, Sarah, he gave three negroes. To son, Bartholomew, one negro and five shillings. 'It is not for any disrespect that I have for my son, Bartholomew, but that all the land I live on is entailed to him," and his heirs etc. 'and his uncle, 'Bartholomew Dameron, has given him negroes.' 'I give unto my daughter, Elizabeth Copedge, one negro girl, named Easter, to her and her heirs, the rest of her part of my estate she has already received when she married John Copedge, Deceased.' 'To my daughter, Sarah Lattimore, five shillings, the rest of her part of my estate she has already received when she married Josias Gaskins, deceased.' 'to my son John Dameron, five shillings, the rest of his part of my estate he received when he married.' 'To my son, Joseph Dameron, five shillings, the rest of his part of my estate

he has already received. To my son Samuel Dameron, one negro man. To my three children, Samuel, Grace and Mary Dameron, all my negroes not before given, as they attain age or marry (that is these children, not the negroes), to my wife, Sarah, and my three children, Samuel, Grace, and Mary, all my personal estate, not given away before, to be divided equally between them. He desired his estate should not be appraised. For executors he named Captain David Ball and his son, Bartholomew Dameron. Children of 5 Christopher and Sarah Ball Dameron:

"10. Bartholomew, 11 Elizabeth Coppedge, 12 Sarah Lattimore, 13 John Dameron, 14 Joseph Dameron, 15 Samuel Dameron, 16 Grace Dameron, 17 Mary Dameron.

"Bartholomew[4] Dameron (Christopher[3] Bartholomew[2] Lawrence[1]) was with his uncle George Ball executor of his father's will in 1764. His father entailed his land to him and his uncle Bartholomew Dameron had given him some negroes. For the benefit of some future historian it may be stated that Bartholomew Dameron, cousin of Bartholomew, son of Christopher, married Anne Morehead, daughter of Alexander Morehead, and was given his wife's part of her father's estate in 1746. 10. Bartholomew, son of Christopher and Sarah Dameron, married Mary ____, probably Waddy. For some account of the Waddy family see Wm. and Mary Quarterly, April, 1917. Bartholomew lived on the Dividing Creek, adjoining the plantation of George Dameron. Their land was partly the original patent granted their great-great-great grandfather, Lawrence Dameron, the immigrant.

"George and Bartholomew Dameron were about the same age and the association of the two families seems to have been close and friendly. George Dameron had a son Thomas, designated Thomas Dameron, Sr., and a son Robert. Bartholomew's son was Thomas Dameron, Jr. His signature was attached to many legal papers for his cousins George, Thomas, and Robert Dameron, all recorded at the Heathsville Court House.

"August 20, 1804, 'Bartholomew[4] Dameron Sr.' (Christopher[3] Bartholomew[2] Lawrence[1]) by deed of this date conveyed to Thomas Dameron, Jr. 'son of Bartholomew Dameron, Sr.' the land where the said Thomas lives, on a branch of Mill Creek adjoining the lands of Robert Dameron and David Ball, Jr. 125 acres more or less. Samuel Dameron, grantor's brother and David Ball, Jr., were witnesses. 1805, April 8th, this deed was acknowledged in Court and recorded. 1807, April 27th, Bartholomew Dameron, Sr. Deed of Gift to Elizabeth W. Carter, wife of Elisha Carter of the county of Bourbon and state of Kentucky, for a negro woman named Winny. Thomas Dameron, Jr. witness. (Elisha Carter married Elizabeth, widow of Rev. Lewis Lunsford.) 1807, April 27, Bartholomew Dameron, Sr. Deed of Gift to grand-daughter, Maria Irwin, wife of Abraham Irwin, formerly Maria Lunsford, of the County of Bourbon of the state of Kentucky. Will of 'Bartholomew Dameron, Sr.' of Wicomico parish, signed 2 Nov. 1805, witnessed by Charles Dameron, who marked, was proved 12 Oct. 1807, 'in full health' etc. To my wife Mary, during her widowhood. To my daughter, Elizabeth W. Carter, and her husband, Elisha Carter. To my grand-daughter, Maria Lunsford, My sons, Thomas and Bartholomew. To my son Thomas Dameron('Jr.) the land where he now lives, situated on Dameron's Neck. To my grand-daughter, Molly Dameron. To my son, Bartholomew Dameron, the land where I now live, on Crane's Neck. Names David Ball, Jr. of Clover Green, and Captain Thomas Hurst, to be executors , with my sons, Thomas and Bartholomew Dameron. Children of Bartholomew Dameron, Sr. from his will: 18 Elizabeth, wife of Elisha Carter, 19 grand-daughter Maria Lunsford, 20 'Thomas Dameron, Jr.' of Dameron's Neck, 21 Bartholomew Dameron, of Crane's Neck,

"20. Thomas[5] Dameron, Jr. (Bartholomew[4] Christopher[3], Bartholomew[2] Lawrence[1]). As said before Thomas was designated as 'Jr.' to distinguish him from his contemporary relative, Thomas Dameron, Sen., son of George Dameron, Sr., 1795 August 20, David Ball, Sr. Executor of Bledsoe Dameron sold to Thomas Dameron, Jr. (all of Wicomico parish) 30 acres of land where said Bledsoe had lived. 1807 May 5, Thomas Dameron, Jr., and his wife, Nancy, conveyed to Bill Harding, 30 acres of land in Wicomico parish adjoining land of Robert Dameron, both signed, wife signed 'Ann.' 1810 Feb. 1, Thomas Dameron and wife, Ann, of Wicomico, sold 75 acres adjoining land of David Ball, Jr. Thomas and Ann signed. 1810 March 29, Thomas Dameron,Jr. and his wife Nancy of Wicomico parish L. 500 Va. money conveyed to William Harding 100 acres of land and 12 1/2 acres of marsh adjoining the lands of David Ball, Jr. and Robert Dameron, wife signs her name 'Anne.' May 14, 1810, the estate of Bartholomew Dameron, Sr., finally settled, recorded July 9, 1810. June 11, 1810, the court was informed that Thomas Dameron, Jr. was about to remove from the state. In obedience to an order bearing date Mch. 12, 1810, we, the commissioners met at the Mansion House of Bartholomew Dameron, deceased, and appraised all the personal estate of said deceased. April 12, 1813, returned and recorded (this probably was sent to Ky. for the approval of Thomas Dameron before it was recorded.)

"September 15, 1812, Abraham Irwin and Mariah, his wife, of Preble County, Ohio, in consideration of $4.00 per acre doth bargain and sell unto Thomas Dameron of the County of Bourbon and State of Kentucky 61 1/2 acres of land in Wicomico parish, Northumberland County, Virginia, being part of Lewis Lunsford's old tract and the lot that fell to his daughter, Mariah, wit. Dorcus W. Lunsford, Elisha Carter Marsh, acknowledged in Ct. Jan. 11, 1813.

"September 25, 1812, Hiram Lunsford of Bourbon County, Ky. in consideration of $2.50 per acre doth bargain and sell unto Thomas Dameron of the aforesaid county and state, 92 1/2 acres in Northumberland County, Va. part of Lewis Lunsford's old tract. Jan. 11, 1813, proved and recorded, Will Book, Richmond County, Va. Wm. and Mary Quarterly. Will of Robert Downman dated June 11, 1769, son, William, son-in-law Thomas Ball, grand-daughters, Elizabeth Porteus Ball, Ann Ball, son Robert Porteus Downman, daughter, Elizabeth Downman, son, Rawleigh Downman.

"COPY FROM OLD BIBLE WRITTEN BY THOMAS DAMERON, SR.
AND OTHERS, SENT TO ME BY ELLA McCORMICK

"Thomas Dameron first to Bourbon County, Ky. then to Campbell County, Ky.

"BIRTHS:

"My daughter Mary Waddy Dameron was born on Thursday 13 day of Feb. 1798.
" son John Thent Dameron " " Sunday 20 day of Jan. 1800.
" " Edward Porteuz Dameron " " Tuesday 10 day of Aug. 1802.
" " Thomas Dameron " " Saturday 20 day of Oct. 1804.
" " Thos. Ball Dameron (the second) 10 day of November, 1805.
" " Joseph Ball Dameron was born on Friday the 7 day of October 1808.
My daughter Louisa Ann Dameron was born on the 26 day of April 1811.
My grandaughter Jane Mariah Carmack was born 11 day of Jan. 1822.
" " Ann Ball Carmack was born 18 day of Sept. 1824.

"MARRIAGES:

"Ann Ball and Thomas Dameron were married on Thursday the 20 day of April 1797, by the Rev. John Howe, a Methodist minister.

"My daughter Mary Waddy Dameron was married on Thursday the 19th day of April 1821 to Major William Carmack by the Rev. John Stephens, a Baptist minister.

"Louisa Ann Dameron and Walter G. Carter were married on the 16th day of September, 1828.

"DEATHS:

"My son Thomas Dameron, the elder, departed this life on Thursday, 29 day of November, 1804.

"My son Thomas Ball Dameron, departedthis life on Saturday 1st day of April, 1820.

"John Thent Dameron, son of Thomas and Ann Dameron departed this life Nov. 19, 1829.

"Thomas Dameron Sr. departed this life on the 8th day of February, 1826.

"Ann Ball Dameron, Sr. departed this life on the 8th day of October, 1827.

"This is the record in my Grandmother Cormack's (Mary Waddy Dameron) bible and is copied as her father wrote it and I presume that after his death Grandmother wrote the marriage of Aunt Louisa and the death of her parents and brother John. My Mother (Ann Ball Carmack) told me sheremembered her uncle John and also when Aunt Louisa married Walter Carter. They moved to Missouri.

(Signed)ELLA MCCORMICK"

(Note by H.F.S. At the end of this was appended the genealogy already given in Part I by Louise H. Dameron, except that here was given a child No. 6, Lalas Brough, child of Edward Porteus Dameron, M.D. and here the date is given of Maria Gregg Kennedy b. April 21, 1807-Dec. 28, 1865. The will of Lawrence Dameron is also copied from Order Book 1658-1656, page 49.)

(Further Note: There are a few mistakes in Mrs. Keach's research, as will be noted by referring to Part I of this manuscript. For example, the grant of 1652 to Lawrence Dameron was in upper Northumberland and not in Wicomico parish, where he did not buy land until a few years later from Peter Knight. Also the above Kentucky family is not descended from Bartholomew, son of Christopher, but from Bartholomew, son of his brother John--otherwise the genealogy seems to be correct in most particulars. This is proven by the Brunswick records where Sarah Ball's son, Bartholomew, went, and by other items, such as the one p. 33 showing that Mary was the name of the w.of Bartholomew who inherited Lancaster land: Lancaster County Deeds 19, p. 234,236, show 20 Apr. 1780, Bartholomew Dameron and wife Mary deed to Richard Condiff land in Hickory Neck. Public Service Claims 1776 for Northumberland show that Bartholomew there supplied the Revolutionary services.)

The following Dameron-Ball genealogy was sent by Louise H. Dameron:

"33. Capt. Geo. Ball (Wm. 26, Wm. 25, Wm. 24, John 10, John 5, Wm. 3, Robert 2, Wm. 1) of Wicomico, Northumberland County, Va. b. 1683, d. 1746, will dated April 14, 1746, pro. June 9, 1746; married c. 1714 Grace Haynie, dau. of Anthony and Sarah Harris Haynie. Capt. Geo. Ball was Captain of militia, resided in Wicomico, Northumberland Co., Va. which he rep. in the assemblies 1723-26; 1727-34, 1734-40 (Va. Bio. V. 1). Their children were: 53 John, will 4-8-1750, pro. 1751, names his wife Margaret, father Capt. Geo.., bro. David, Richard and Joseph. Child Sarah chose Joseph as her guardian. 54 David Ball, dec'd single. 55 Capt George Ball, more later. 56 Joseph Ball d. 1799, married Hannah Haynie, dau. of Capt. William and Jane Waddy Haynie (Va. Mag. 21, 321). 57 Richard died, 1784. 58 Sarah Ball, married before 1731 (father's will) Christopher Dameron, Will 1764 (Va. Mag. 21, 326). 59 Harris Downman. 60 Grace Ball b. Feb. 10, 1716; Jan. 23, 1761, m. I ____ Burns, called Grace Burns in father's will; Dec. 23, 1746, m. II Travers Downman, brother of Robert, who was the father of Mildred Downman, who married Thomas Ball. Travers Downman married II Dec. 20,1764, Ann (Heath) Conway (Wm. and Mary V. 12, 99.)

"55. Capt. George Ball, Jr. of Northumberland Co. Va. died 1770, will dated June 29, 1770, proved Oct. 8, 1770, Northumberland Co., Va. married June 14, 1736, Lancaster Co. Va. Ana Taylor, daughter of Elizabeth and Thomas Taylor, will 1717. Married with mother's consent, Therriott Taylor witness, Thomas Edwards, bond. Their children: 61 Capt. David Ball, 1735-1811, will Northumberland Co. (Book 18, 116), married circa 1760, Hannah Haynie. 62 Thomas Ball, circa. 1737, married at Warsaw, R ichmond Co., Va. 3 Apr. 1766, Mildred Downman, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Porteous Downman. 63 Sarah Ball. 64 Martha Ball. 65. Mary Taylor Ball. Capt. Geo. Ball Jr. was justice, member of the Parliament 1753, Sheriff, July, 1757 with David Ball as deputy, vestryman of Wicomico 1770, House of Burgesses 1769. His will names father, Capt. Geo. Ball Sr. and mother, Grace Haynie Ball, brothers Joseph, Richard and David Ball, wife Ann,sister Grace Downman, grandson David Ball, Jr. and c;ildren, as given, David, Thomas, Martha, Sarah, Mary Taylor Ball.

"58. Sarah Ball, married before 1731 (father's will) Christopher Dameron[3] (Bar.[2] Lawrence[1]), will dated Jan. 28, 1763, pro. Jan. 9, 1764. Children, Bartholomew, Elizabeth m. I John Coppage dec'd 1764, II Isaac Coppage, Sarah Dameron m. I Josiah Gaskins, II Rev. Lattimore, John, Joseph, Samuel, Grace, Mary."

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For the Bartholomew Dameron descendants of Kentucky she gives:

"Bartholomew Dameron, will dated Nov. 2, 1805, pr. 12 Oct. 1807, married probably Mary (Waddy?).(I think she was the youngest child of John and Elizabeth Dameron Waddy, no proof.) Children from will:

1. Elizabeth W. Dameron, probably named for her grandmother Elizabeth Waddy, married before 1807 Rev. Lewis Lunsford, moved to Bourbon Co., Ky.,married II there, her cousin Elisha Carter. They moved to Missouri. Daughter Maria Lunsford married Abraham Irwin and moved to Prebble Co., Ohio.

2. Thomas Dameron, Jr. called Thomas, Jr. of Dameron's Neck and his cousin, son of George Dameron, was called Thomas Sr., married April 20, 1797, by Rev. John Howe, Methodist minister, Nancy Ann Ball, daughter of Thomas Ball and his wife Mildred Downman Ball. They moved to Kentucky in 1810. He d. Campbell Co., Feb. 8, 1826; married Thursday Apr. 20, 1797, by Rev. John Howe, a Methodist minister, David Ball Jr. bond. Nan cy Ann Ball d. Oct. 8, 1827, Campbell Co., Ky.

3. Bartholomew Dameron of Crane's Neck, Northumberland Co., Va.

THE WADDY FAMILY

(From William and Mary Quarterly, V. 25, p. 254.)

By Mrs. O.A. Keach

"The following study of the Waddy family has been made with special pleasure as it again places the name among those prominent in the development of Northumberland County, Va. Records are missing or are obscure in some critical places and the writer has access to no private documents that might clear up important relationships.

"The Waddys, Ingrahams, Damerons and Lees were closely related through all the 150 years covered by the notes here presented. The immigrant member of the family was John Waddy, who first appeared in Northumberland Co. in 1651 and in a deposition made Jan. 20, 1653, he gave his age as 33 years and thus the year ofhis birth may be placed about 1620. On April 3, 1651, John Waddy had a patent for 250 acres of land in Northumberland County, Va. John Waddy married Ann _____, who was probably not his first wife. There seems a probable relationship between Mrs. Ann Waddy and Captain Peter Knight, a prominent early resident of Northumberland. On Nov.17, 1654, Mr. Peter Knight gave a heifer to Thomas^2 Waddy, son of John. On April 14, 1683, a petition was presented from Peter Knight, John Waddy, John Taylor and Christopher Garlington, vestrymen, and Samuel, George and Bartholomew Dameron, church wardens, to Lord Culpeper requesting him to reinstate Mr. Charles Dacres, the rector of Yeocomico Church (Calendar of Va. State Papers, 1, 14.)

"On April 7, 1686, James^2 Waddy presented the will of his father, John Waddy, dec'd for probate in Northu;mberland Co. court. Theonly living witness to the will at that time was Elizabeth Oliphant.

"I. John^1 Waddy (1620 d. 1686) was the father of II Thomas^2 Waddy and John^2 Waddy, Jr. On May 20, 1636, John Waddy, Sr. agreed to deliver to his son, John^2 Waddy, Jr. one mare as payment for a debt to Michael Brooke, godfather to John^2 Waddy, Jr. Nothing further has been discovered about John Waddy, Jr. III, James^3 Waddy.

"2. Thomas^2 Waddy (John^1) of Northumberland Co. on May 17, 1654, Mr. Peter Knight gave a heifer to Thomas^2 Waddy, son of John^1 Waddy. On Nov. 21, 1678, he 'brought suit against Mr. George Bledsoe." On March 19, 1679, he was appointed one of the appraisers of the estate of John Dennis, of which Elizabeth Dennis, the widow, was admx. Elizabeth Dennis, later married George Dameron. Mr. Thomas Waddy had a grant for 300 a. for head rights May 19, 1680, and for another 300 a. on March 2, 1684. On April 17, 1689, James^2 Waddy presented the will of his brother, Thomas^2 Waddy. Thomas^2 Waddy may have married Jane, dau. of Mr, and Mrs. John Ingraham . (Foot note p. 255.)

"Thomas^2 Waddy is believed to have had two children: 4. Thomas^3 Waddy, Jemima^3 Waddy, Lawrence Pope, eldest son of Humphrey and Elizabeth Pope, married Jemima, relict of John Spence and daughter of Thomas Waddy of Northu;mberland Co. His will was pro. March 2, 1723 (Wm. & Mary Quarterly).

"3. James^2 Waddy (John^1) of Northumberland Co. was the ancestor of a distinguished line. He appears in the records as executor of his father's will on April 7, 1686, and was also executor of his brother, Thomas^2 Waddy's will, 1689. He probably married Elizabeth Oliphant, a widow who was a witness to his father's will. James^2 Waddy was appointed constable in 1682, High Sheriff in 1702, remaining in this office for several years; appointed Justice on Jan. 2, 1702, and served in this capacity as a member of the County Court for a long period. On Feb. 17, 1710, Mr. James^2 Waddy was made overseer of the highways inDameron's Neck. This establishes his place of residence as Wicomico Parish (note Dameron's Neck and Dameron's Creek took their name from the plantation of Mr. Lawrence Dameron which had been patented in 1652, and some part of which remained in the Dameron family until 1849, upon the death of Mr. Robert Dameron. A part of the original plantation is now known as Garden Point. The name was formerly 'Guarding Point', so-called because it was used as a lookout point during the Revolutionary War.)

He (James^2 Waddy) was a good churchman as many records testify and a public spirited citizen who gave freely of his services in many ways. Mr. James^2 Waddy's will is dated March 15, 1725, and pro. Aug. 18, 1725. He names his sons: Frances^3, Benjamin^3 also his sons-in-law (step sons) William and John Oliphant. The will of James^2 Waddy contains these rather curiously worded bequests. 'Item--I give to my son daughter Benjamine Ann a negro boy. Item--I give to my dau. Benjamine Jemima a negro boy.' The wording probably is due to a mistake in transcribing the will on record. It is suggested that the proper reading is 'To my son Benjamin's dau. Ann," etc. James^2 Waddy was the father of 5. Francis^3 Waddy, 6. Benjamine^3 Waddy.

"4. Thomas^3 Waddy (Thomas^2 John^1). It is certain that Thomas Waddy, a man prominent in the affairs of Northumberland County for nearly 40 years, was a son of Thomas^2 Waddy. He was probably a ward of his uncle James^2 Waddy, etc. Thomas^3 Waddy served in almost every capacity as a useful citizen: church man, grand juror, etc. etc., executor of wills, appraiser of estates, guardian to orphans, surveyor of the highways, and often in association with his Uncle James^2 Waddy. On May 15, 1717, Thomas^3 Waddy presented for probate the will of Dennis Schrever, son of Bartholomew and Mary Dennis Schrever, of which he was executor. (Note the first wife of Bar. Schrever was Mary Dennis, dau. of Paschal and Barbara Dennis. His second wife was Mary, the widow or daughter of Capt. William Lee.) Thomas^3 Waddy seems to have married a Miss Lee, the daughter or niece of Capt. William Lee. The will of Bar. Schrever, dated March 21, 1720, left 10 bbs. to buy mourning rings for Richard Lee, Charles Lee and wife, and Samuel Heath, and their wives and his sister (Lee of Va.p. 93.) Richard and Charles Lee were nephews of Capt. William Lee and Thomas and Samuel Heath were step-sons of Bar. Schrever. The will of Mary Schrever (the widow of Bar.) was proved Oct. 20, 1731, with Thomas Waddy named as one of the executors.

"On May 15, 1734, Mr. Thomas Waddy was one of the appraisers of Major Charles Lee's estate. On April 21, 1736, Mr. John Steptoe, Mr. Thomas Waddy, Mr. Thomas Gaskins, were appointed to divide the estate of Major Charles Lee. On Oct. 14, 1740, John Waddy, son of Mr. Thomas Waddy and Ellis Gill brought suit against Elizabeth Brent who had been the widow of Major Lee, for counter security for the estate of the orphans of Major Charles Lee. Thomas^3 Waddy died in 1737. His will was presented for further proof Aug. 8, 1738, on the oath of William Dameron (one of the witnesses). The will is missing but from other records we find that Thomas^3 Waddy left issue:

"7. John[4] Waddy m. Elizabeth Dameron.
_____[4] Waddy, wife of Robert Osborne
Jemima Waddy (Oct. 9, 1738, John Waddy, guardian.)

"On Oct. 9, 1738, John[4] Waddy was apptd. guardian of Jemima[4] Waddy, orphan of Thomas[3] Waddy.

"Mary[4] Waddy m. Capt. John Heath (John Heath and Mary Waddy were probably first cousins. John[3] Heaths' father was Thomas[2] Heath, son of Mary Lee Schrever, while the mother of Mary[4] Waddy was probably a sister or cousin of Mrs. Schrever. John Heath was married three times: 1st, Mary Waddy, 2. Judith (Ball?), 3.Chloe, dau. of John Hughlett. (Heath family, Wm. and Mary XXIV, p. 113.) John Heath mentions in his will 3 children John[4], Robert Jones[4], and Ann[4]. John m. Sarah Ewell, Ann m. Wm. Kirk.

"Jane[4] Waddy, m. 1st Benj. Waddy; 2nd, Joseph Mott.

"Francis[3] Waddy (James[2] John[1]) of Northumberland Co. married Sarah (Harris), Haynie, dau. of Maj. John and Grace Harris and the widow of Anthony Haynie. (Grace Haynie, daughter of Anthony and Sarah Harris Haynie married George Ball.) On March 16, 1715, Mr. Francis[3] Waddy and Sarah his wife made a deed to Capt. George Ball. He was named as one of the executors of his father Mr. James[2] Waddy, which he offered for probate on Aug. 18, 1725. Francis Waddy died without issue. His widow (Sarah Harris Haynie Waddy) in her will pro. April 9, 1749, left her entire estate to her daughter Grace Haynie Ball and several of her Ball grandchildren.

"Benjamine[3] Waddy (James[2], John[1]) mentioned in the will of his father, James[2] Waddy in 1725. Benj. Waddy died 1741 and on Jan. 27th, Mrs. Jane Waddy, James Waddy and Charles Ingraham for his wife petitioned for their part of his estate.

"Thomas[3] Waddy's (Thomas[2] John[1]) daughter Jane[4] Waddy probably married her cousin Benj.[3] Waddy, son of James[2] Waddy. Children of Benjamine[3] Waddy were:

"8. i. James[4] Waddy, married Lucy Chilton.
ii. Mary[4] Waddy, married Charles Ingraham.
9.iii. Benjamine[4] Waddy, married Judith Neale.
iv. Judith[4] Waddy married Charles Jones,son of Capt. William and Leanna (Lee) Jones.
v. Penelope[4] Waddy, died unmarried.
vi. Jemima[4] Waddy married _____ Renum.
vii. Spencer[4] (or Spence) Waddy.

"7. John[4] Waddy (Thomas[3] Thomas[2] John[1]) married Elizabeth Dameron, daughter of George and Margaret Taylor Dameron (note Margaret Taylor Dameron m. II Thomas Winter on Sept. 8, 1746. Mr. Thomas Winter (step-father of Mrs. Elizabeth (Dameron) Waddy made a deed of gift to his wife Margaret Winter, for 10 negroes during Margaret's life and at her death to go to Elizabeth Waddy and her children. On Jan. 31, 1753, Elizabeth Waddy, one of the daughters and co-heirs of George Dameron of Northumberland Co. dec'd deeded to Thomas Hurst 94 acres of land on north side of Dennis Creek, Northu;mberland Co. Mrs. Elizabeth (Dameron) Waddy died 1758 and her son Thomas Winter and son-in-law Joseph Dameron were adms. of her considerable estate. The will of John[4] Waddy was dated Dec. 15, 1748, and pro. Feb. 13, 1749. He names wife Elizabeth, sons Thomas and John, daughters Elizabeth and Mary. Executors, Thos. Winter and George Ball; witnesses James Waddy and Roger Winter. John[4] and Elizabeth (Dameron) Waddy had issue:

"10. i. Thomas[5] Waddy, married Ann Dameron.
ii. John[5] Waddy.
iii. Elizabeth[5] Waddy (dau. of John[4] and Elizabeth Dameron Waddy) married Joseph Dameron. Jan. 8, 1759 Joseph Dameron in right of his wife Elizabeth and as guardian of Mary Waddy, orphan of John[4] Waddy and also Thomas Waddy in his own right and as guardian to his brother, asked for a division of John[4] Waddy's estate. Elizabeth Dameron Waddy married secondly Robert Pinkard.

"iv. Mary[5] Waddy. (Note by L.H.D. I think this is the Mary that m. Bar. Dameron.)

"Note: Mrs. Elizabeth (Dameron) Waddy died in 1758 and her son Thomas Waddy and son-in-law Joseph Dameron were adms. of her considerable estate.

"10. Thomas[5] Waddy (John[4] Thos.[3] Thos.[2] John[1]) of Northumberland Co. About 1764 Thomas[5] Waddy married his second cousin Ann Dameron, youngest daughter of Thomas and Ann Dameron and sister of Mr. George Dameron who is mentioned frequently in the Northumberland Co. records. On Nov. 10, 1766, It is ordered that George Ball, Thomas Edwards, Daniel Ball, Jr. do possess Thomas[5] Waddy with Ann Dameron's part of Thomas Dameron's estate. The will of Thomas Winter of Northumberland Co. dated Mar. 23, 1763 pro. June 13, 1763, he mentions his godson Thomas Waddy, son of John and Elizabeth Waddy and also the other heirs of Elizabeth Waddy. On Nov. 10, 1766, Thos.[5] Waddy was appointed guardian of his niece Nancy Dameron, whose estate was then in the hands of her step-father Robert Pinkard. (Note: Nancy Dameron's mother Elizabeth (Waddy) Dameron, widow of Joseph Dameron, married secondly Robert Pinkard.

"John[4] Waddy (Thos.[3] Thos.[2] John[1]) married Elizabeth Dameron, died 1758, dau. of Geo. and Margaret Taylor Dameron. Margaret Taylor Dameron m. II Thos. Winter. (Mrs. Eliz. Dameron Waddy d. 1758, son Thos. Winter and son-in-law Joseph Dameron, adms.) John[4] Waddy will Dec. 15, 1748, pro. Feb. 13, 1749, wife Eliz. sons Thomas[5], m. Ann Dameron, son John, dau. Elizabeth m. Joseph Dameron, dau. Mary. Elizabeth Dameron Waddy (widow of John[4] Waddy) married II Robert Pinkard.

"Ann Pope, widow of John Pope (Wm. and M. V. 22, 212) m. about 1729-30, Thomas Dameron, Sr. of Wicomico Will 1750. They had two ch. George Dameron and Ann Dameron."

'Louise H. Dameron also sent this from Wm. and Mary V. 18, p. 246:

"In 1712 Edward and Winifred Fielding sue Dennis Conway,Senior's, Execs. for her share of the estate. Edward Fielding's will May 19, 1714, has his wife Winifred as Exec. Winifred Fielding later married Thomas Dameron from whom she separated, as the court on June 17, 1719, ordered Thomas Dameron to pay her 1,000 lbs. of tobacco yearly and to deliver all her clothes to her etc. and to give her 500 lbs. of tobacco for her lying-in expenses which she was to need "soon." This was Col. Thos Dameron 1683-1750, who m. I Katherine Hughlett d. 1716; II, Winifred Conway Fielding, III.about 1729, Ann,dau. of George Ball and widow of John Pope, will pro. 1723. Thomas Dameron, a grandson of Lawrence Dameron, the immigrant, erected early in 1700 a beautiful brick residence near the original home site which is yet known as the 'Brick Walls.' (Think this wasin Tyler. Can't find reference. Have you seen the Taylor-Gascoyne article in Kentucky Hist. Mag.? The Taylors married into the Warren family, my great-grandmother's family. See also Tyler VIII, 1927, p. 42-52 and Taylor-Ball-Dameron article,Va. Mag. V. 35, p. 215, also Ky. Register, 1947.) A court record (V. 4, I think Tyler--I have burned too many records" shows manor house of George Dameron used by Gov. Berkeley."

In Tyler's for July, 1926, V. VIII, p. 1 is an article by the editor, "Colonial History Debunked," which has notes on some of the families related to the Damerons. It discusses the question of the Cavalier families who came to Virginia and says, 'that there were some noble families, like the Wests, Stuarts, Fairfaxes, Humes and Culpepers, who established themselves in Virginia is well-known... but it is no new discovery that the upper class of Virginia were mainly of 'bourgeois stock.'" He lists the aristocracy of Virginia as "the Randolphs, Claibornes, Pages, Blands, Burwells, Robinsons, Lees, Wormeleys, Carys, Corbins, Ludwells, Beverleys, Lightfoots, Carters, and Harrisons of Virginia. All these fam;ilies had their beginnings in Virginia during the 17th century and were social leaders from the start... Every white man had to be treated as an equal in public and addressed as 'Mister', aterm of respect only charily used in the Seventeenth Century. The middle class represented in the House of Burgesses became politically powerful, but the old families still held consideration... the middle class of citizens (were) such families as the Pendletons, Carringtons, Reeds, Wythes, Jeffersons, Marshalls, Madisons and Monroes."

He says a"list of great English merchants" was represented by such men as John Bland and Micajah Perry. "And it is idle to say that there was no great migraation of cavaliers to Virginia (meaning supporters of Charles I). In 1642, when the civil wars began, the population of Virginia did not exceed 10,000; in 1665, twenty-three years later, the population had reached 38,000.... the land grants show that a whole train of people came in the company of Sir Thomas Lunsford, Major Mainwaring Hammond, Colonel Philip Honeywood, Colonel Guy Molesworth,and other cavalier officers. ... Some, if not a goodly proportion, of the higher class cavaliers established families in Virginia and left descendants; such as Sir Thomas Lunsford, Sir Gray Skipwith, Nathaniel Bacon, Sr., William Bassett, Thomas Batte, Lancelot Bathurst, Henry Benskin, Major John Brodnax, Roger Mallory, William Randolph, and John and Lawrence Washington." He also attacked Faulkner and says"Dr. Wertenberker is his authority for saying that upwards of 80,000 indentured servants came to Virginia up to 1671, when the population was about 45,000. But if four-fifths died of the 80,000 the first year after their arrival, as Sir William Berkeley said was the case, and the mortality continued several years.... the number..might not have exceeded 15,000.... it is hard to realize the unhealthiness of Virginia in the 17thcentury. It is well known that among the servants, as among free persons of the second class, were persons of nearly every grade of society in England, who were... economically dependent for five years--the general term of service.... many of the cavalier soldier by the Puritan authorities in England for a term of years in Virginia had acquired considerable estates and servants and were better off than they ever had been in their lives before."

P. 10 notes that "Sir Thomas Lunsford, lieutenant of the Tower of London... John Clayton, son of Sir John Clayton of London; Anne Gorsuch, daughter of Sir William Lovelace of County Kent, sister of Richard Lovelace, the poet... Edmund Jenings, son of Sir Edmund Jenings, of Ripon in Yorkshire; Rev. David Lindsay, son of Sir Hierom Lindsay, of the Mount . . . Nicholas Spencer, son of Nicholas Spencer, Esq. Cople, in Bedfordshire . . . Rev. Hawte Wiatt, grandson of Sir Thomas Wiatt, Jr., George Reade, grandson of Sir Thomas Windebank of Haines' Hall, parish of Hurst, Berkshire, etc." Among the "eminent merchants" he lists Edward Porteus, of Gloucestershire, Nicholas Spencer, Robert Terrell, etc. It may be noted that some of the above families interma rried with the Moodys, also. P. 63 lists Thomas Walker, sub-sheriff, Goochland,1733; and Capt. Walker, Dinwiddie, owner of Kingston in 1786. This may be the officer John Damron served under.

APPENDICES:

THE DAMERON-TAYLOR CONNECTIONS

Louise H. Dameron sent me material on the Taylor family, printed in Virginia Magazine, Apr. 1927, by Mrs. L.C. Anderson, Bainbridge, Ohio, "The Taylor Family of Northumberland and Lancaster Counties, Virginia," from which I quote p. 213:

"Northern Neck Grants: John Taylor, 600 A., 1666, Wicomico, Northumberland Co. Record Book, 1666-1672, p. 42. James Jones and John Taylour 1000 A. situated between Wicomico River branches and the branches of Corotoman River in Lancaster Co.; land being formerly granted to John Hughlett, and by sd Hughlett sold to Thomas Gaskins, May 28, 1658, and by the sd Gaskins assigned over to James Jones and John Taylour Oct. 24, 1659, granted by William Berkley, June 22, 1664. James Jones deeds all patents, rights etc. to land (described above) to John Taylour, Nov. 16, 1668. Leonard Howson, James Pope, Henry Hudson, witnesses.

"Thomas Gaskins deeds 200 A. to James Jones & John Taylor--land patented in Northampton Co. This deed was made in the year 1662. John Taylor of Wicomico died in Northumberland Co. in the year 1702. His wife Alice died the same year... The late Mrs. Keach, of Wichita, Kansas, is authority for the statement that the maiden name of Alice Taylor, wife of John Taylor, was Alice Gascogne or Gaskins, daughter of Thomas Gascogne...John and Alice Taylor had sons John, Thomas and Lazarus, and daughters Mrs. Edmond Baysey (Basye) and Mrs. Mary Everett. They probably had other daughters.

Book B, p. 76, Northern Neck Grants: John and Thomas Taylor of Northumberland C. in 1704 receive a grant (or deed) of certain tracts of land, 1st, 200 a. granted to James Jones by pat. Sept. 27, 1660, and by him sold to John Taylor, deceased father of sd Thomas and John, and 699 A. granted to John Taylor, father, by pat. 1666, joins land possessed by William Therriatt, and now in possession of Thomas Taylor, Branch of Corotomon River, joins Thomas and George Everett, Isaac Wall, and John Webb, also joins Lazarus Taylor, Edmond Baysey's land, Richard Condit, and joins some land formerly belonging to William Therriatt."

We may note that this must be the Webb family connected with John Dameron and Rachel Palmer, and that this must be part of the land given to Elizabeth Taylor by her father, Thomas, which she gave to her sons in her will, she being wife of John Dameron Will 1743.

"Will of Lazarus Taylor, Feb. 2, 1711, eldest son William, and brother John Taylor; sons Argyle, Lazarus, Aaron and younger son John; daughters, but not named; son-in-law GEORGE DAMERON, and brother John Taylor, executors. Codicil 1726, Jan. 4. Sons William, Argyle, Lazarus, Aaron & John, dau. Margaret Winter. Son William, sole executor, beloved friends, Wm. Coppedge and Capt. John Howson. James Taylor, John Coppedge & John Hill, witnesses. Northumberland County, Lazarus Taylor deposes in 1711 that he is 44 years of age.

"O.B. 1699-1713. John Taylor and his brother Lazarus, sons of John and Alice Taylor, married sisters, Ann and Mary Veze or Vezey, daughters of George Vezey of Lancaster Co. Their brother, Thomas Taylor, married Elizabeth Therriatt, daughter of William, and granddaughter of Dominick Therriatt, also of Lancaster Co. (Note by L.H.D. These are the parents of Ana who married Ball.)

The will of the mother of Elizabeth Taylor who married John Dameron and 2d George Flowers is given p. 215: "Lancaster Co. Will of Elizabeth Taylor, Jan. 2, 1746, John Taylor, son of my son Thomas Taylor, deceased. Thomas Ball, son of my dau. Ana Ball, wife of George Ball; gr-son. John Taylor; dau. Martha Miller, gr. son Joseph Dameron; gr. dau. Elizabeth Ball; dau. Elizabeth Flowers."

The Will of Thomas Taylor, is given in Lancaster Co. Book X, p. 265, Feb. 17, 1717: "Son Thomas plantation in Wicomico Parish where I formerly lived, daus. Martha and Elizabeth Taylor, daus. Ana and Sarah Taylor, son Therriat Taylor, wife Elizabeth and son Therriat, executors. Richard Cundiff Jr. Richard Ball, Wit."

It must be noted that Wicomico Parish is also in Lancaster County, according to these Taylor records, as James Taylor lived there. P. 217 says "Northumberland County records show that John Taylor, Jr. (merchant) brought in linen cloth of his own manufacture, 50 yards, in 1683. John Taylor, merchant, vs. Bartholomew Schrever and wife, Mary, late executor of Capt. William Lee, 1703. In Bruce's Economic History of Virginia, we see where John Taillor brought over supplies in early times... In Wicomico Parish Book, Dec. 27, 1703, Mr. John Taylor, Mr. Sam'l Mahane, Mr. John Harris, Mr. Hancock Lee, Mr. Bartholomew Schriver, Mr. Thomas Gaskins, Mr. Richard Lattimer are named as vestrymen... Mary, wife of Moses Taylor was a daughter of Malachi Burbury, who was vestryman of Wicomico Church at an early date.

"In O.B. 1729-37, p. 481, Northumberland Co. John Basye, John Copedge, and Edmond Basye came into court, and being sworn on ye Holy Evangelist Declared that Dorcas Taylor that is now wife of James Taylor, this colony, is ye same person which was formerly named Dorcas Walters to whom a legacy, to wit slaves, etc. were left her by John Contanceau, Jr. in his last will bearing date Dec. 17, 1718, and confirmed to her by deed, etc."

This genealogy is continued in the July, 1927, issue, XXXV, No. 3, p. 309: "James Taylor, a brother of Benjamin, and Lazarus Taylor, a cousin, who is sheriff of Prince William Co. 1754, Richard and Joseph Taylor, sons, and Richard Taylor and John Young Taylor, grandsons of Benjamin Taylor, all appear in the records of Prince William or Fauquier County... in 1745...Lazarus Taylor, Benjamin Taylor, and Joseph Hudnall witness a deed (in Prince William).

"Northumbsrland Co. Richard Taylor, Judith, his wife, who was widow of Argyle Taylor, with consent of William Taylor, receives her third of her deceased husband, Argyle Tay lor's estate, 1759." The Will of Richard, Wicomico Parish, Lancaster, 1774, is quoted in full, which leaves a negro to his wife Judith, and part of the estate, witnesses being Charles Copedge, James Wallace, Ann Taylor, Elizabeth Wallis. John Manahan said that he believed Judith Dameron, daughter of George and Margaret Taylor (dau. of Lazarus), married Charles Coppedge, Jr.

The "Ancestors and Descendants of the Rev. John Taylor, 1752-1835,"by Dorothy Brown Thompson, appeared in the Jan. 1949 issue, of The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, Ky. It says: "John Taylor, the immigrant, was probably twenty-three years old in 1650, when he arrived on the Amsterdam, 'at the head of Fleet's Bay.' ... probably the Gaskins family came about the same time. This family were in Lower Norfolk County quite early, going from there to Northumberland. The presumption is that Thomas Gaskins (Gascoigne) had two daughters, who married James Jones and John Taylor, since he seems to have deeded land to the two jointly..."

From these articles we can deduce the following genealogy:

I. JOHN TAYLOR, of Wicomico, died 1702, m. Alice Gaskins or Gascoigne, daughter of Thomas who went from Lower Norfolk to Northumberland--he came on the Bona Nova and was 34 years old in 1625; his son Josias had sons Thomas and Josias, and Josias[2] m. Dorothy Dameron, dau. of Lawrence, her daughter Dorothy becoming a Quaker and marrying Onecephrous Harvey. Thomas Gaskins had another daughter who married James Jones and in 1662 he deeded land to James Jones and John Taylor, 1,000 acres in Lancaster, formerly owned by Hughlett; in 1662 he also gave them 200 acres pat. in Northampton, Va. The children of John and Alice Taylor were:

1. John Taylor m. Ann Vezey, d. of George and Joan Vezey or Vesey. He was merchant, justice, vestryman of Wicomico Church, and a "Gent." He d. 1714-1717, and had sons John, Moses, Thomas, James, Benjamin. (George Vesey d. 1665, and Joan married Richard Crouch; his only son d.s.p. named Thomas Vesey, so his land descended to the daughters Ann, m. John Taylor, and Mary, m. Lazarus Taylor.)

2. Thomas Taylor, m. Elizabeth Therriat, d. of William, son and heir of Dominick Therriat. Thomas Taylor's will, 1717, leaves Wicomico plantation to son Thomas 'where I formerly lived', and mentions daus. Martha, Elizabeth, Ana, Sarah Taylor, son Therriat and wife Elizabeth executors. Elizabeth's will, 1746, bequeaths (Lancaster) to John Taylor, son of my son Thomas, deceased; Thomas Ball, son of my dau. Ana Ball, wife of George Ball; gr. son John Taylor; dau. Martha Miller; gr. son. Joseph Dameron; gr. dau. Elizabeth Ball, dau. Elizabeth Flowers. Elizabeth Flowers was the wife of John Dameron Will 1743 who m. 2nd Geo. Flowers, and Joseph Dameron was her son W. 1759. Now her son Thomas W. 1766, named his sons Thomas, Lazarus, Jo. Aron and Moses--which sound like Thomas Taylor's family names, so then could his wife have been another Taylor? The above Thomas Ball, son of Ana Taylor, was the father of Ann who married Thomas Dameron of Kentucky 1797.

3. Lazarus Taylor, m. Mary Vesey, sister of Ann above, and had these children: William, Argyle, Aaron, John, Margaret; circa. 1667-1726.

(1) William, oldest named in father's will as executor, b. circa. 1690.
(2) Argyle, Capt. church warden of Wicomico 1739-1754, m. Judith _____ who survived him and m. Argyle's cousin Richard Taylor, son of Benjamin. He leaves a bequest to Judith Coppedge, dau. of Charles, whom John Manahan said was married to Judith Dameron, dau. of George Jr. and Margaret Taylor. Argyle also bequeathed to Edwin Fielding, son of Edwin--Thomas Dameron was guardian of Edwin Fielding's estate and married Winifred Conway, widow of Edward (Edwin?) Fielding, who was separated from him. (See appendices.)
(3) Aaron m. Betty Wilde, d. before 1751, ancestor of the Kentucky family.
(4) John d. 1751, will mentions wife Margaret, sister Margaret Winter, nephew Joseph, cousin Elizabeth Wornum, ex. Charles Coppedge and Argyle Taylor.
(5) Margaret, m. George Dameron, Inv. 1721, son of George[1] and Elizabeth Dennis Dameron, and George Dameron was named son-in-law and executor of the will of Lazarus Taylor 1711. She married 2d Thomas Winter by 1726 codicil.

4. Mary, m. Everett. She sued her brother John in 1702 for her share in estate.

5. Dau. m. Edmond Basye. His will, Oct. 2, 1714, named bros. John and Thomas Taylor. (Basye names sound like those of Onesipherous Dameron's family, and this genealogy should be checked for a connection, also with the Jones family.)

"John Taylor landed with his two brothers, William and Argyle and their families at the head of Fleet's Bay, Virginia, in 1650, from the ship Amsterdam," says p. 23, Kentucky Historical Society Register, Jan. 1949.

THE SMITH FAMILY OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Elizabeth Smith, wife of Lazarus Dameron, was the daughter of Richard Smith, mentioned in his will dated Nov. 20, 1721. Louise Dameron's notes: "Malachi Burbery or Burborough in his will dated Jan. 9, 1751, names my Aunt Ann Dameron, my cousin George Dameron and my cousin Samuel Smith. There is a record of May 22, 1745, of a settlement between Mr. Richard Smith, guardian to Samuel Smith, orphan of John Smith, dec'd, and Mr. Winder Kenner, exec. of Mrs. Hannah Smith dec'd. Frequent references in the records show that the Taylors, Burbery, Smiths, Nutts, Heaths, Fieldings, Lees and Jones were closely related." "Cousin" referred to nephews in this era usually, so this might be a brother of Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis, who married George Dameron[1], in which case her name would have been Burbery. There was a Malachi Dameron in Bedford County after 1789 with William and Samuel (see p.65.)

The Kentucky Historical Society Register, Jan. 1949, p. 49, has "Ancestry of Joseph Smith Who married Sally Taylor," of Kentucky. "Joseph was the son of Temple Smith, whose father was Nathaniel. The family Bible was lost when Temple's family moved from Virginia to Kentucky; and Smith is not an easy name to trace.-Nathaniel Smith was born probably between 1690 and 1700, and died 1762 in Stafford County, Virginia, wherehis inventory is of record.... in Overwharton Parish, where the baptisms of his sons George, Withers, and Temple, are recorded, and the death of his wife Elizabeth, Apr. 25, 1752." Mrs. Gene Shelly Thatcher of Washington wrote: "I remember my grandmother telling me the Smith family was connected with George Washington. I do remember she spoke of the Lewises, Douglasses and Washingtons as in a line of my mother's direct ancestors... I do know they came up from Northumberland County and on to Fairfax County. The site of our home was built on George Fairfax's when he either moved or died the latter part of sixteen hundred or early seventeen hundred... Prince William County court house has records of some of the original Smith family... The Smith family in Maryland are of the same line."

It is likely that the Smiths migrated at the same time as Lazarus Dameron and his wife who went to King George and Prince William around 1723.

Louise Dameron has also a note, apparently from the Va. Mag. "Augustine Smith, son of John Smith and Mary Jacquelin, married 1st Mildred Rootes (?),2d Margaret Boyd (dau. of David Boyd and Margaret Ball, widow of John Ball, and dau. of Thos. Pinkard and Elizabeth Downman). Augusting Smith died at Shooter's Hill and lived at West Grove near Alex. His will dated May 31, 1774, died June 13, 1774. He was not an Episcopal clergyman. His will is recorded at Saluda, wife Margaret, newborn son hereafter to be called Augustine Jacquelin, daughters Mary Jacquelin Smith and Mildred Smith; directs his executors, Charles Tomkins,Jr. and John Hughlett, to settle with Mr. David Boyd an account of L 1,000 promised by him on the marriage between his dau. Margaret and myself; brothers John and Edward Smith, guardians to children Augustine Jacquelin and Mary Jacquelin, dated 31 May, 1774, proved 24 Oct. 1774. Philip Smith son of Capt. John Smith of Purton, married Mary Mathews on Feb. 9, 1711, his bro. Augustine Smith, executor."

GENERAL NOTES ON THE DAMERONS AND ALLIED FAMILIES, by Louise H. Dameron.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VA. MARRIAGES:

George Ball, Jr. and Ana Taylor, June 14, 1736, Thos. Edwards, bond. Mother Elizabeth Taylor gives consent, Therriatt Taylor, witness.

Mary Ball Taylor and William Ball, Nov. 14, 1791, son of David and Hannah Haynie Ball, dau. of Mary Taylor, David Ball, bond.

George Ball and Martha Taylor, June 10, 1793, son of Thomas Ball, David Ball, bond.

Thomas Ball and Mildred Downman, 3 Apr. 1766, son of George and Ana and Mildred being dau. of Robert and Elizabeth Porteous Downman.

Elizabeth Taylor and John Dameron, June 14, 1729, Thos. Edwards,bond.

Edward Porteous Ball and Janetta Davis, m. at Orranoak, Virginia, Oct. 2,1809, son of Thomas and Mildred Downman Ball, Janetta a ward of William Taylor.

NORTHUMBERLAND: On Sept. 8, 1746, Mr. Thomas Winter, step-father of Mrs. Elizabeth Dameron Waddy, made a deed of gift to his wife, Margaret Winter, for ten negroes during said Margaret's life and at the death of said Margaret to go to Elizabeth Waddy and her children.

On Jan. 31, 1753, Elizabeth Waddy, one of the daughters and co-heirs of George Dameron of Northumberland Co., dec'd, deeded to Thomas Hurst, 94 acres of land on the north side of Dennis Creek, Northumberland Co. Mrs. Elizabeth Waddy died in 1758 and her son Thomas Waddy and son-in-law Joseph Dameron were administrators of her considerable estate.

Aug. 20, 1804, Northumberland Co. Bartholomew Dameron, Sr. by deed of the date conveyed to Thomas Dameron, Jr. son of Bartholomew Dameron, Sr. the land that was where the said Thomas Jr. lived on a branch of Mill Creek adjoining the lands of Robert Dameron and David Ball, Jr. 125 a., more or less. Samuel Dameron and David Ball, Jr. witnesses. (Samuel, the grantor's brother, is noted?) The deed was acknowledged in court and recorded Apr. 8, 1805. (Tyler, V. 4, I think.)

Apr. 27, 1807, Bartholomew Dameron, Sr. deed of Gift to Elizabeth W. (Waddy) Carter, wife of Elisha Carter of the County of Bourbon, and State of Kentucky for a negro woman named Winney etc. Thomas Dameron, Jr. witness.

Wm. and Mary, V. 22, 212: Ann Pope, the widow of John Pope in about 1729 or 30 m. Thos. Dameron, Sr. of Wicomico Parish. John Pope's name appears many times in Order Books as witness, juryman and in lawsuits of his own etc. etc. He made his will Jan. 4, 1722 as follows: "I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Pope, etc. ... to my 2nd son, John Pope, etc... I leave to my wife, Ann, the use of the manor plantation lying between my sons, Joseph and John Pope's land during her natural life and after her decease, to my son John Pope and his heirs. I give and bequeath to my 3d son, Richard... to my youngest son (?) Leroy. I give and bequeath unto Isaac Basie my gray broad cloth coat, vest and breeches, to Thos. Pittman, a suit of clothes. My will is that my four sons shall have their estate paid to them when they come to the age of 18,the residue of my estate unto my dear and loving wife Ann Pope and my four sons, Mr. Thos. Gaskins, Jr. and Mr. Thos. Winters to divide said estate. Witnesses, Isaac Basie, Elizamon Basie, Katharine Basie.Rec.1723,Nov.20.

The fact that one of the sons bore the name of Leroy is a most conclusive evidence that either the father or mother belonged to the Fauntleroy blood. Much circumstantial evidence pointed to this but it was more than fifty years later that positive proof was found of this marriage which will be mentioned in the family chronology as it unfolds from the old Record and Order books.

Leroy Pope (youngest son of John Pope) in his will dated Jan. 19, 1747, and probated Mar. 9, 1747, names bro. John, nephew Leroy Pope, son of bro. John, Nephew Thomas Pope, son of bro. Joseph, bro. Richard, cousins (nieces) Sarah Ann Pope and Elizabeth Pope, dau. of bro. Joseph, nephew John, son of John, Betty Pope, dau. of bro. John.

John Pope, Sr. will dated Dec. 25, 1775, recorded May 13, 1778, names... I do appoint my loving brother George Dameron exec. with my three sons Nicholas, Leroy and William. As already stated, Ann Pope, widow of John, m. Thos. Dameron of Wicomico Parish about 1729-30 by whom she had two children George and Anne Dameron. Malachi Burbery or Burborough in his will dated Jan. 9, 1751, names my Aunt Ann Dameron, my cousin, George Dameron, and my cousin Samuel Smith.

(Note by H.F.S. George Washington's ancestor m. Ann, dau. ofNathaniel Pope, so the Popes are related to the Washingtons.)

On Nov. 15, 1757, Ann Dameron was security for Richard Pope, her son. She was security in several trials until about 1764, then she probably died, as her son George assumed her obligations and appears as security not only for the Popes but as regularly and frequently for John Heath, so that it would appear that he might be a half-brother, also.

BARTHOLOMEW SCHREEVER: From Wm. and Mary, V. 24, 109, by Mrs. O.A. Keach: Bar. Schreever^2 was son of Bar. Schreever^1, one of the early settlers of Northumberland Co. Mary Dennis (dau. of Pascal and Barbara Dennis), was either the mother or first wife of Bar. Schreever^2. The will of Dennis Schreever was presented May 15, 1717, by Thos. Waddy, executor. He was probably the son of Bar. Schreever, the immigrant. The will of Bar. Schreever^2 was pro. Mar. 15, 1721. He names wife, Mary, his son, Bar. Schreever^3, and directs that mourning rings should be presented to Mr. Richard Lee, Mr. Charles Lee, and wife, Mr. Samuel Heath and wife, and his sister Bowley (probably the wife of Simon Bowley).

"Bar. Schreever^3 (Bar.^{2} Bar.^{1}) married Sarah Hull, his will dated Dec. 14, 1727, pro. April, 1728, appointed his bro. Samuel Heath his sole executor. He left one child, Eliz. Schreever who died unmarried.

THOMAS HEATH: (Same reference V. 24, p. 109.) Thomas Heath appears twice in Northumberland County Records. Jan. 20, 1687 he sued John Flowers and in Feb. 1687, Richard Hull brought suit against Thos. Heath. Thos.Heath's widow, Mary (who was probably not his first wife) married Capt. William Lee and after Capt. Lee's death, Mr. Bar. Schreever^2. A court record of Sept. 16, 1696, designates her as Mary Schreever, formerly Heath, executrix of Capt. William Lee. (1) Thos. Heath, of Northumberland, who died 1690, had (2) William^2 (3) Samuel (4) Thomas (5) Peter (6) Elizabeth and (7) possibly a dau. who m. John Curtis. On Jan. 20, 1709, Col. Richard Lee moved the court that the sheriff summon Mary Schreever, Samuel Heath, Thos. Heath, John Burne, John Curtis, to appear and answer certain questions in Lee's behalf.

"2. Wm. Heath^2 (Thos.^{1}) constable, Wicomico, May 18, 1717, m. Ann Ball, dau. Capt. Geo. Ball. On May 20, 1719, Ann Heath,relict of Wm. Heath, made oath that she said Wm. Heath made no will and she was admitted administration of the estate. Issue: (8) Samuel Heath^3. On May 21, 1729, Samuel, son of Wm. Heath, was apprenticed to Ralph Rutherford.

"(3) Samuel Heath^2(Thos.^{1}), was sub-sherriff in Northumberland in 1712 and Justice of the Peace for several years. He m. Ann, dau. of James and Eliz. Johnson (M. and M. Quarterly). The will of Samuel Heath was pro. Mar. 18,1730, but the will book in which it was recorded is lost. His exec. were Capt. William Eustace and Col. Thos. Lee. He had dau. (9) Eliz. She m. about 1737, Charles Jones (son of Capt. Wm. and Leanna (Lee) Jones), secondly Henry Miller. They had a dau. Ann Jones who m. Walter Jameson. On June 13, 1737, Mary and Ann Heath chose Chas. Jones as guardian and he was appointed guardian of Judith Heath, these ch. were all orphans of Samuel^2 Heath.

"Footnote: On Oct. 10, 1757, William Jameson and wife Ann made a deed. Leanna Lee in her will pro. Aug. 10, 1761, left a legacy to Samuel Heath Jameson, who was her grand nephew. The following interesting record will make this relationship clear: Nov. 1, 1785, Dr. S. Heath Jameson of N.C. conveyed to Thos. Gaskins of Wicomico Parish, 150 acres at the head of the Dividing Creek adjoining land of Mr. Geo. Dameron and Mr. Garlington. There follows a detailed description of the land, the substance of which is as follows: a patent for 950 acres first granted to Capt. John Haynie onJan. 30, 1650; deserted by Haynie and again patented by Richard Linny Mar. 22, 1666, and sold by him to Thos. Brewer Jan. 24, 1667, and sold byBrewer to John Nickless Dec. 10, 1671, and descended to his grandson John Nickless and sold by him to Samuel Heath Nov. 2, 1720, and descended to his (Heath's) dau. Eliz. which said dau. first intermarried with (Charles) Jones and after his death Mr. Henry Miller who by her will bearing date Mar. 10, 1758, bequeathed aforesaid 150 acres to her grandson Samuel Heath Jameson, first party to this indenture.'

"Mary Heath^3(Samuel^2 Thos.^{1}) (who chose Jones guardian--L.H.D.), m. first Mar. 12, 1739, Thos. (son of John) Pope, secondly Wm. Tebbs. Mary Heath chose Ch. Jones as her guardian in June, 1737. Judith^3 (Samuel^2 Thos^1) also chose Pope (Thomas) as her guardian. July 9, 1739, Thos. Pope and Geo. Conway sue for a division of Samuel Heath's estate.

(Note, Waddy, V. 25, 258: John Heath's father was Thos. Heath, son of Mary Lee Heath (2) Schreever, while the mother of Mary^4 Waddy was prob. a sister or cousin of Mrs. Schreever.)"

N. Y. Curio, p. 46: Col. Richard Lee (7th son Sir Robert Lee of Burston, Hardwich and Stretford-Langton, Knt.) Northumberland Va. 17th century.
CORBIN:

Lee of Virginia, p. 83: Corbin of Virginia, desc. from Nicholas Corbin of Hall End, Warwick, through four generations to 'Thomas Corbin of Hall End, afores'd, born 24 May 1594 d. June 1637 bur'd at Kings-in-ford. This Thos. m. in 1620 Winefred, dau. of Gawen Grosvenor of Sutton Colfield Co. Warwick. From this union sprang Henry Corbin, the progenitor of the Virginia family; he was third son, b. 1629, d. in Va. 8th Jan. 1675. He came to Va. 1654 and settled first in the parish of Stratton Major, in K. & Q. Co. He appears to have taken up lands in Lancaster, Westmoreland, Middlesex Cos... later he was seated at Peckatone in Westmoreland Co. pat. dated 1664... a magnificent estate, the house built of imported brick. (This was later said to be haunted by the lady owner who confined her servants in dungeons or whipped them to death--after which it was unoccupied.). Henry Corbin m. widow of Roland Burn ham of York and Lancaster, named Alice. He left three sons, Henry, Thomas, Gawin, and five daus. Laetitia, Alice, Winifred, Anne, Frances. Laetitia m. Richard Lee of Mt. Pleasant; Alice m. Philip Lightfoot; Winifred, LeRoy Griffin; Anne William Tayloe, Frances Gov. Edmund Jennings.

TENNESSEE: First census of Tennessee was taken 1830; most prominent persons in southeast part of the state, Dameron _____, McNair Co., Tenn.

John Lewis (?) had John, Charles, Warren m. Eleanor Bowles, widow of Gov. Gooch's son, William and Fielding.

LOWER NORFOLK COUNTY, VIRGINIA (NOW PRINCESS ANNE), V. 3, p. 10, Norfolk Marriage Bonds, 1799, Aug. 29, Richard Fryer m. Mrs. Ann Dameron. V. 4. July 4, Lemuel Coverly m. Mrs. Winea Dameron (widow), Lemuel Coverly, Fras Wish, Joel Jackson. Aug. 20, Joseph Vesey m. Fanny Dameron; John Hunt, D.C. Joseph Vesey, Lemuel Langley.

Present at the camp on Gwynns Island May 29, 1776, My Lord's Co. Jesse Dameron.

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP, MACON: COPPEDGE DAMERON, Alex. Dameron., J.C. Dameron.

Virginia County Records: Mar. 26, 1654, Petition and complaint of Eliz. Taylor, wife of James Taylor for separation. Norfolk?

LEE: From Lee's Family, D. Lee: Robert Lee had 540 acres in Gloucester Co.... two hundred acres thereof formerly granted to Col. Richard Lee, 17 May 1655, and by him assigned to Robert Lee on the 5th Feb. 1657, and the remaining 340 acres for the transportation of seven persons etc.

NORTH CAROLINA: SURRY COUNTY, Census 1790, Thomas Ball, 1 wh. male above 16,5 slaves. Pasquotank Co. Census 1790: Onesephohous Dameron, living in Virginia, 8 slaves. Thomas Dammeron, 1 free male over 16. Halifax Co. Tignal Dameron, 1 w. male over 16, 2 under 16, 4 white females.

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CAPT. JOHN DAMERON: Having a little space here to fill I shall add a note from M.F. Cleaton: "Williamsburg Quarterly, Va. State Library, Richmond, Va. Capt. Dameron of the ship 'Duty' from London to Williamsburg, Va. was appointed by Gov. Gerkeley to second a duel between two prominent officials in Williamsburg.

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"All membsrs of the board of directors of the Virginian Railway have been re-elected by stockholders. At the annual meeting of the stockholders, 1953.... board members are... J.W. Damron, Columbus, Ohio, J. P. Williams, Jr. of Berryville." The rest were from New York etc.--none seemed to be Virginians.

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Letter from Emma B. Mayo, Istachatta, Fla., 1953: "My line was Elizabeth Dameron. She first married John Coppage of Fauquier Co., Va. in 1760. They had children, then she married a cousin or second cousin to her first husband, Isaac Coppage, in 1780, of Stafford. She was related to George Washington through the Ball family. This Isaac Coppage was a brother to my second great grandfather, Moses Aaron Coppage who lived in several counties of Va. but the last county Culpeper before going to Kentucky. We have a family Coppage Association, Mrs. W. Ross Coppage, President, Bergner Mansion, Gwynn's Falls Park, Baltimore, Md."

APPENDICES:

HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF THE DAM(E)RON FAMILY
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ORIGIN: From the "Directory of the Ancestral Heads of New England Families,' by Frank R. Holmes, the name Damon is of French origin. Variants of the name are: Damman, Daman, Daming, Dam(e)ron and Damerin. According to the 'Damon Memorial' the name Damon during the past three hundred years is discovered as spelled in many different ways as: Daman, Damman, Dammon, Damond, Daymon,Daming, Dame(r)on and Damerin. From the 'Genealogy of the Philadelphia Branch of the Damon Family' by A. H. Wharton, information is gathered that the name Damon and Dam(e)ron to be found in many counties of England early appearing in Dorsetshire, Hampshire, Somersetshire and Kent.

EARLY AMERICAN SETTLERS AND PROMINENT DESCENDANTS.

Joseph Dameron, was born in Hanover, Virginia, and resided there. He served in the Revolutionary Army and at the battle of Guilford Court House. His father was a Huguenot who came from France about 1700 and settled at Monaskon, Virginia. Mr. Joseph Dameron was married and had a son George Ball, who was born in Brunswick County, Virginia, May 30,1771, and died November 18, 1845. He was a planter and deacon in the Methodist Church. Mr. G.B. Dameron was united in marriage on February 5, 1799, with Miss Mary Moore by whom he had a son William Moore, born in Caswell, North Carolina, December 1, 1799, and died in 1839. He was a captain in the Black Hawk War. By trade he was a farmer, trader and merchant. Mr. Dameron was married in 1819 to Mary Clay. This union was blessed with a son James Palatine, born in Caswell County, North Carolina, and moved with his parents to Missouri in 1830, settling in Randolph County. In 1849, Mr. Dameron removed to California and was in turn a miner, rancher, farmer and trader. He read law and located in San Francisco in December, 1864, had a law office there and was the author of various papers on evolution and other subjects. (Note by H.F.S. Mary Clay was the descendant of Bartholomew Dupuy, a French Huguenot who came to Monaskon in 1700 , and I believe this is the origin of the Huguenot story. See Part II.)

Frank B. Damron, dental surgeon of Long Beach, California, was born at Macomb, Illinois, February 27, 1880, and was a son of William Pace and Edna (Bonham) Damron. Dr. Damron continued his studies in the public schools of his native city until his graduation in high school in 1898 and thereafter attended the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. After his graduation in the department of dentistry in the Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, Dr. Damron was for a time engaged in the practice of his profession at Ford, Kentucky. He later established himself in practice at Lincoln, Nebraska, and in 1909, he engaged in practice at Long Beach, California. In June, 1908, Dr. Frank B. Damron wedded first, Miss Sally Agnew, who died in December, 1910, and second, on June 15, 1912, Miss Ethel N. Bridge.

John H. Dameron was born in Missouri in 1850 and was the son of John and Julia (Melton) Dameron. John Dameron, the father,was a tiller of the soil, who died in 1850. John H. Dameron was educated at the Mount Pleasant Baptist School at Huntsville, Missouri, and then became clerk in a clothing house at St. Louis. In 1869, Mr. Dameron went to Southwest Missouri and was successfully engaged in the general merchandise business in Marionville. In 1873, Mr. John H. Dameron married Miss Estella Slaughter.

Joseph D. Damron, was born in Nelson County, Virginia, in 1827, and was the son of Druey C. and Charlotta (Martin) Damron. Druey C. Damron, the father, who died in 1887, went to LincolnCounty, Missouri, in 1843. Joseph D. Damron at the age of eighteen years, began working for himself on a farm and continued that occupation until 1857 when he went to California. In 1859 he returned to Missouri and acted as overseer for the neighboring planters until the slaves were emancipated. Mr. Joseph D. Damron was married firstly, in 1861, to Miss Virginia Hall, who died in 1832, and secondly, in 1863, to Miss Nannie B. Hall, sister of his first wife. Mr. Damron was the father of three children: (1) Guy, (2) Mollie and (3) Charley.

Edgar Samuel Williamson Dameron, lawyer, was born in Newton Grove, Sampson County, North Carolina, July 27, 1878, a son of L.L. and Mary (Ward) Dameron. E. S.W. Dameron was educated in the public schools in Rayford Institute and was a student of the Literary Department of the University of North Carolina, graduating with an A.B. degree in 1904. In 1905, Mr. Dameron became a student secretary for the Y.M.C.A. and was employed in that work for about two years in Kentucky. In February, 1907, Mr. Dameron was admitted to practice law. He was a winner of the Wiley P. Mangum Medal, which is one of the most eagerly sought and contested for. Since his admission to the bar, Mr. Dameron has been located in Burlington, North Carolina. From 1910 to 1913 he was attorney for the city of Burlington, North Carolina. Mr. E.S.W. Dameron married on June10, 1914, Miss Lola J. Lasley.

James Monroe Dameron, prominent attorney at law of Los Angeles, California, was born in Johnson County, Illinois, December 10, 1855, a son of Samuel Damron. After studying law, Mr. J. M. Damron was admitted to the bar in 1879. Afterward he removed to Cairo, Illinois, where he was elected states attorney in 1880. In 1883 went to Los Angeles where he since practiced his profession. In the fall of 1888 Mr. Dameron was elected to the Assembly and was a member of the judiciary committee. He established a reform school for Southern California, located in Los Angeles. Mr. J. M. Damron was united in marriage in 1878 with Miss Florence Scott and they had three children: (1) Lloyd; (2) Normad and (3) Florita.

Dr. Logan D. Dameron, popular physician of Phoenix, Arizona, was born in Lewis County, Missouri, March 15, 1867, and was the son of W. M. and Anna (Fisher) Dameron. Dr. Dameron grew to manhood upon his father's farm and acquired his literary education in the public schools of the neighborhood and Labelle Academy. At the age of eighteen he commenced teaching school and successfully followed that occupation for five years. In 1889 he entered the Hospital Medical College at Louisville, Kentucky, where he was graduated with the degree of M.D. on June 17, 1791, and the following January removed to Phoenix, Arizona, where he embarked in general practice. Dr. Dameron gave special attention to diseases of the eye, ear nose and throat. He was a surgeon at the United States Indian Industrial Training School at Phoenix and was city physician. Dr. L.D. Dameron was married to Miss Bettie A. Hughes.

Carl Roderick Damron, physician, was born in 1901 and graduated in 1926 from Eclectic Medical College at Cincinnati, Ohio. He practised medicine at Mansfield, Ohio.

Elbert Leroy Damron, medical doctor, was born in 1879. He was graduated from Barnes Med ical College of St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1907, and practiced his profession at Effingham, Illinois.

John Earle Damron, physician, was born in 1886; graduated in 1911 from the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago, Illinois, and practiced medicine at Wadsworth, Kansas.

Milton Herbert Damron, medical doctor, was born in 1897. Dr. Damron was graduated from College of Physicians and Surgeons in Los Angeles, California, in 1919, and practiced his profession at Huntington Park, California.

THE DAMERON FAMILY COAT OF ARMS: The Damerin family coat of arms as mentioned in Rietstap's Armorial General is described as follows: Armorial Coat: Argent a chevron sable between three roundlets gules. Explanation and description of the symbols and colorings of the above armorial coat:

Argent, white or silver, signifies peace and sincerity.
Sable, or black, denotes constancy and sometimes but most rarely, grief.
Gules, or red, denotes military fortitude and magnanimity. It is also the Martyr's Colour.

We can find no crest or motto belonging to the Damerin family coat of arms.

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History of North Carolina,
Damon Memorial.
An Illustrated History of Los Angeles County, California.
Portrait and Biographical Record of Arizona.
Holmes' 'Ancestral Heads of New England Families'
Reitstap's Armorial General
Wade's Symbolisms of Heraldry

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Crozier's General Armory gives: Ball, Virginia, Col. Wm. Ball, 1672: Argent a lion passant sable, on a chief of the second, three mullets of the first. Crest, Out of the clouds ppr. a demi-lion rampant sable, powdered with etoiles argent, holding a globe or. Motto, Coelium qui tueri. (Note by H.F.S. George Washington's coat of arms was the model for the United States shield and flag of stars and stripes.)

The Christopher Foster coat of arms is: Three bucks' heads cabossed or. The Moodys have none. The Downing coat of arms was painted by Julia Dameron Old, Box 303, Virginia Beach, Virginia, along with the Foster coat and the Dameron arms. She is familiar with heraldry and the painting of these symbols etc.

DATA ON THE DAMERONS IN NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Mrs. Jewell had the following notes on the Damerons in Northumberland County, Virginia,and the family generally:

William Dameron m. Nancy, children John Corbin b. Feb. 5, 1784, Northumberland Co., Va. 2. Molley Draper b. Dec. 18, 1786, m. 12/20/1809, Edw. Garner Richardson; 3. Luke William b. Mar. 30, 1789, m. 8/21/1816 Polly C. Dameron, dau. of Christopher. 4. William b. Feb. 5, 1792.

Christopher Dameron, unidentified, ch. Lucy S. m. 2/26/1825, Christopher D. Lewis. 2. Polly C. m. 8/21/1816 Luke W. Dameron.

Lawrence Dameron b. 1595 England d. 1660 Northumberland Co., Va. will prob. 12/17/1660, m. Dorothy d. prob. 1691. Ch. 1. Bartholomew b. 1645 Eng. d. 1710, m. 1666 Elizabeth Garlington. 2 George b. 1648 Eng. d. 1698, m. Elizabeth Dennis about 1680. 3. Thomas b. ab. 1650 m. Sarah Bledsoe, dau. of George. 4. Laurence b. ab. 1653 m. Jane. 5. Dorothy m. 1st Josias Gaskins, 2nd Samuel Mahan.

Bartholomew Dameron m. 1666 Elizabeth Garlington b. 1650 d.1727, a deposition dated 3/15/1725 gave her age as 75.

George Dameron m. Elizabeth Dennis. Children: Elizabeth b. ab. 1681 m. 1701 Charles Ingram, dau. m. Capt. Ellis Gill. (1) Taylor, (2) Betty (3) Ellis. 2. Thomas Dameron (Col.), of age 1704, m. Ann (Ball) Pope 3rd Apr. 10,1727. Lazarus b. ab. 1690 m. Elizabeth Smith, first to leave Northumberland, to King George Co. later became Prince William Co., Va.

Christopher Dameron m. 1730 Sarah Ball, dau. George, children: 1. Bartholomew b. ab. 1731, m. Mary Waddy 2. Elizabeth b. 1734 ab. 3. Sarah b. ab. 1740. 4. John b. ab. 1744. 5. Joseph b. 1748 Northumberland Co., Va. d. 1818, Caswell Co, N.C. m. 1st Sarah, 2nd ____; served as private in Va. Navy Rev. 6. Samuel. 7. Grace, 8. Mary.

Thomas Dameron^{3}(Lawrence^{1}, George^{2} Thomas^{3}), Wicomico Parish; known as Col. Dameron, was Jr. until uncle's death (Lawrence^{1} Thomas^{2}), on 3/16/1726 was 43, b. 1683 was of age 1704, built 'Brick Walls' ab. 1785, d. 1750. Dau. Elizabeth m. Samuel Downing, Sr. 1742. 2. Thomas b. 1708, d. 1757, unm. 3. Winifred b. 1719 m. 1st Samuel Downing, Jr. nephew of Sr. 4. George b. 1731, d. 1801, m. 1762-3 Mary Ann Jones, dau. Chas. Jones, 5. Ann m. 1764 Thomas Waddy.

George Dameron b. 1685 d. ab. 1720, m. Margaret Taylor, dau. of Lazarus Taylor, sister of Abigail. Margaret married Thomas Winter after death of George. Ch: Elizabeth d. 1758 m. John Waddy. 2 Judith m. Richard Howson, g.s. of Capt. Seward and Elizabeth (Lee) Howson.

Joseph Dameron^{4}(Lawrence^{1} Bartholomew^{2} Christopher^{3} Joseph^{4}) b. ab. 1748 Northumberland Co., Va. d. 1818 Caswell, N.C. Children: George Ball b. May 30, 1771, Brunswick, Va. d. Nov. 19, 1848, Mo. m. Feb. 5, 1799, Mary Ann Moore, dau. Col. Moore of Va. 2. Dau. m. Knight. 3. Dau m. Thomas ____ (ch. Patience m. Eger, 2. Thomas, Jr. 3 Betsey. 4. Bartholomew b. 1755, d. 1847, m. 1798 Rebecca Malone 1781-1851. 5. Dau. 6. Dau. 7. Dau. 8. Dau. 9. Benjamin m. Matilda Mathis.

George Ball Dameron, children: William Moore (6) b. Dec. 1, 1799, Caswell, N.C. (Ch. 1. James R. b. Caswell, N.C. to Mo. 1830), d. 1839 at Mt. Airy, m. 1819 Eliza Ingram Dameron. 2. Joseph Coppage b. May 22, 1801, m. Salinda Dameron. 3. Patsey B. b. Feb. 1, 1805, m. Harrison Dameron. 4. Judith b. Nov. 20, 1807, m. Matt Richmond. 5. James Ball b. Aug. 4, 1809, d. 1877, m. 1829 Elizabeth Connelly (1808-1850). 6. Elizabeth b. May 4, 1812, d. young. 7. John Jones b. Feb. 17, 1814, m. 1833

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA, MARRIAGES:

Alexander Dameron m. Elizabeth Elmore, 1/15/1827.
Bartholomew " m. Lucy Lewis, 8/9/1830.
Charles " m. Sally Webb. Thomas 9/10/1810.
Charles " m. Betsey Taylor, dau. of Thomas, 2/26/1803.
Charles " m. Ann Pope, 5/3/1819.
Charles (widower) m. Jane Keene 4/17/1822.
Charles Y. Dameron m. Lucy Douglas 10/1/1833.
Christopher m. Gracey Smith Oldham, dau. of Thomas, 8/15/1792.
George m. Polly Davis 12/22/1828.
George T. m. Nancy Williams 9/12/1831.
George T. (widower) m. Mary AnnTignor 11/24/1835.
Joseph Dameron m. Sarah Hammock, ward of Geo. Hayden, 8/10/1841.
John m. (Mary) Sary Brown (22) 2/7/1792.
Joshua m. Nancy Lunsford (parents dead) 9/28/1789.
Leroy m. Frances Walker 7/15/1820.
Luke m. Jemima Harrison (widow) 9/24/1794.
Luke W. m. Polly C. Dameron, dau. of Christopher 8/21/1816.
Mordica G. m. Lucy Hughlett ward of Thos. W. 4/13/1829.
Robert m. Alice C. Shearman 9/14/1795.
Robert m. Lucy Dawson, of George L. 3/13/1837
Samuel (widower) m. Alice Giddings (widow) 1/3/1804;
Thomas (wid.) m. Chloe Pharis (wid.) 8/29/1793.
Thomas m. Ann Ball 4/10/1797.
Thomas O. m. Judith Clarke 8/22/1827.
Thomas m. Harriett Edwards 10/9/1835.
Thomas O. (widower) m. Harriett Clarke 2/8/1837.
William Dameron m. Lucinda Sandy 8/15/1818.
William (widower) m. Harriet Lewis 5/19/1832.
Elizabeth Dameron m. Richard Jewel 12/29/1832.
Alice (widow) m. John Davis 5/30/1810.
Alice Dameron m. William Giddings 5/12/1794.
Ann (widow) m. George Wilkins (wid.) 7/16/1838.
Ann Steptoe Dameron dau. of Thos. Jr. m. Richard Berryman, 4/29/1802.
Fanny P. Dameron m. James Burton 12/31/1822.
Mary m. William Barnes 6/22/1827.
Gracey m. William Y. Blundon 6/24/1829.
Molley m. George Blueford 6/26/1788.
Ann m. William C. Booth 9/9/1835.
Sally S. m. William S. Burton 2/23/1825.
Nancy m. Charles Coleman 4/1/1802
Mary m. John Cook,(widower) 1/24/1828
Fanny m. Christopher Cornish 12/8/1794.
Nancy m. Joseph Gillaspie 1/21/1843.
Polly m. Daniel H. Haynie 5/11/1816.
Nancy m. Nathaniel G. Hopkins 4/14/1821
Polly m. Geo. Jackson (widower) 2/24/1830
Catherine A. m. James Kent 1/10/1827.
Elizabeth (widow) m. George Jones 12/14/1801.
Lucy S. Dameron, dau. Christopher m. Christopher D. Lewis, 2/26/1825.
Nancy Dameron, dau. William, m. Wm. B. Lewis, 12/29/1812.
Nancy m. Charles Marsh 5/29/1801.
Mary C.W. dau. of Mary C., Dameron, m. Robert Pinckhard 12/11/1826.
Hannah m. Stewart Purcell, 1/2/1850.
Molley D. . . dau. Wm. m. Edw. Garner Richardson 12/20/1809.
Mary E. J. m. Chas. H. Rock 1/8/1850.

Continued:

Molly Dameron m. John Swanson (wid) 12/19/1806
Polly Dameron m. Newton Weymouth (wid) 1/7/1834

Margaret Dismukes (Burton) 1812-1894). 8. George Ball Jr. b. Mar. 22, 1816, m. Sarah Chappell, 9. Mary W. b. Dec. 18, 1818, m. Rev. James Dysart. 10. Sarah b. Dec. 22, 1820, m. James Dameron. 11. Dr. Warren T. b. Aug. 15, 1822, m. 1st Frances Horner, 2nd Laura McLean. 12. Willis Monroe b. Jan. 12,1824, m. 1st Ann Dysart, 2nd Annie Fisher. 13. Logan D. b. Oct. 21, 1827, m. 1st Mary Chappell, 2nd Lizzie McCombs, 3rd Cornelia Turner Jackson.

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Elizabeth Dameron b. ab. 1706 m. 1742 Samuel Downing Sr. children: 1. Thomas b. May 23, 1744, m. Sarah Ann Rogers 11/14/1799. 2. Samuel b. Oct. 2, 1765, m. 10/2/1765 Mary Robertson, dau. Dr. Robertson, Lancaster Co., no issue. 3. Elizabeth (Betty) b. Oct. 2, 1765, d. unm. 4. John b. May 1, 1775, m. Elizabeth Nutt,dau. Col. Wm. Nutt.

Winifred Dameron b. 1719 m. 1st Samuel Downing, Jr. nephew of Sr. b. July 2, 1728, d. 1751, m. 2nd, 1754, John William d. ab. 1761. Children: William, 2. Ann, m. Thomas Shearman. (Ch. 1. Thomas m. 7/2/1792 Hannah Rogers. 2. Samuel. 3.Winifred m. 10/17/1795 Kemp Hurn. 4. Alice Chinn m. 9/14/1795, Robt. J. Dameron. (Does not indicate if Wm. and Ann are by Samuel Downing, Jr.--probably are.)

Elizabeth Dameron's son, Thomas Downing b. 1744 m. 1799 Sarah Ann Rogers, had ch.: Thomas Dameron m. Betty Cox; 2. Edward m. Hannah Ball. 3. Samuel m. Mary Edwards. 4. Katherine m. Capt. Wm. Blackwell. 5. Elizabeth m. Cox. 6 Sallie m. Cundiff.

Ann Dameron^4(Lawrence^1 George^2 Thomas^3 Ann^4) m. 1764, Thomas Waddy, her second cousin;, son of Elizabeth Dameron (4) and John Waddy. Children: John, Thomas, Walter, Betty, Nancy, Margaret.

Elizabeth Dameron^4(Lawrence^1 George^2 George^3 Elizabeth^4) d. 1758, m. John Waddy, will dated 12/15/1748 (his will), children: 1. Thomas who became guardian of Nancy,dau. of sister Eliza. D., he m. Ann Dameron. 2. John. 3. Elizabeth m. 1st Joseph Dameron Feb. 1757 (ch. 1. Nancy by Dameron) m. 2nd Robert Pinckhard. 4. Mary.

George Dameron^4 (Lawrence^1 George^2 Thomas^3 George^4) b. 1731 d. 1801, m. 1758, Mary Ann Jones, dau. of Charles Jones. Ch.: 1. George Washington d. unm. 2. Thomas m. 1790 Elizabeth Willis. 3. Alice m. 5/12/1794 Capt. Wm. Giddings, ch. Geo. Dameron, 2. John, 3. Mary Ann Jones, 4. Sarah. 4. Robert Jones, last owner of 'Brick Walls' m. Alice Chinn Shearman Sept. 14, 1795, dau. Thomas and Anne Shearman.

Thomas Dameron^5 (Lawrence^1 George^2 Thomas^3 George^4 Thomas^5) m. 1790 Elizabeth Willis, ch.: 1. Mary Ann b. 1791 d. June, 1862, m. 1821 Isaac Brent. 2. Willis b. 1794, d. 1834, prob. living in Georgia. 3. Margaret Sarah b. 1798, d. Dec. 7, 1839, m. Lawrence Haynie 9/14/1831, Northumberland Co., Va. 4. Elizabeth d. unm.

Bartholomew Dameron^5 (Lawrence^1 Bartholomew^2 Christopher^3 Joseph^4 Bartholomew^5) m. Rebecca Malone. Children: 1. William Lewis b. 1820, d. 1906, m. 1841 Priscilla Cavens (1823-1866), ch. John Thomas (1845-1894), m. 1866, Josephine Lea b. 1847, ch. 1. Pensacola m. Guy Collins Million. 2. Mary Ann m. 1st Abel Burton, 2nd. J. M. Butts. 3. John d. 1851.4Sarah m. Hugh Dobbins. 5. Alex M. d. 1854. 6. Salinda d. 1846, m. Joseph Coppage Dameron b. 1801. 7. Elizabeth d. 1847. 8. Phoebe m. Barzella Wisdon. 9. Parthenia m. George Mathis. 10. Frances m. Samuel Burton. 11. George W. m. 1st Susan Lebban (?) 2nd. Eliza J. Mayo.

DAMERONS IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR:

Abraham Dameron, Northumberland Pet.
George, fifer 6CL.
Jacob, Northumberland Pet.
Jesse, 5CL
Jesse, Sgt. Inf.
John, 2 Va. State Reg.

WAR OF 1812--NORTH CAROLINA:

Thomas Dameron, Caswell County, 5th Regt.

Joseph Dameron, Navy E.
Joshua, seaman, Navy.
Thomas, seaman, Navy.
George, Morgan's Rifleman
James, 4CL
John, 9CL
Thomas, Northumberland Co. militia, rec. to be Ensign 4/9/1781; in Capt. Geo. Ingram's Co.
Joseph Dameron rec'd 66.99 Pvt. N.C. militia 3/4/1831, ae 71 yrs.
George Dameron pensioned Lincoln Co.N.C.

1790 CENSUS:

Aaron Dameron	Jesse	Roger	William
Bartholomew	Mary	Onesephorous	Winifred
Elizabeth	Moses	Rachel	Joseph
George	Morris	Thomas	

MARRIAGES:

V. 18, William and Mary: Barbara Dameron m. Joshua Spilman 2/15/1794

Hayden's Va. Genealogies, St. Matthew's Ch. Ipswich, Suffolk, Thomas Ball m. Anne Dameron (widow), 4/17/1605.

Know County, Tenn. Acton Bible Rec.: Henry Dameron m. Sally Wright 11/5/1810.

NORTH CAROLINA:

Christopher Dameron, Caswell Co., Hillsborough
Joseph " Richmond
Joseph " "
Joseph " "
Onisephorus, Pasquotank Co., Edenton (lived in Va.)
Thomas, Pasquotank Co., "
Tignal, Halifax Co., N.C.

Sketches of Old Warrenton, N.C. by L.W. Montgomery, 356-58. Mr. Dameron from Eastern Va. d. 1920-21, m. Tempie Williams, several sons, 4 dau. (1) Julia. Wm. Dameron m. Mattie Jones.

VIRGINIA:

Va. Mag. of History V. 31, p. 357: Richard Howson, son of Capt. John Howson, m. Judith Dameron, dau. Geo. and Margaret (Taylor) Dameron. Geo. Dameron was the son of Geo. Dameron and grandson of Lawrence Dameron the immigrant who settled in Northumberland County in 1652.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY, VA. The Damerons have been a prominent family of Dunlop Creek. John died 1828. Wife Polly. Children: Joseph (a lawyer), John, William, Andrew & Christopher. Look up History of Allegheny Co., Va. for Andrew Dameron. In 1840 Allegheny Co., Va. Andrew, Christopher, Isaac P. and Joseph William. V. 3, Va. Collections, 17 W (1) 242.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY, VA. Marriages: Isaac Dameron m. Margaret Benner of Sampson, 1855.

BOUTETOURT COUNTY, VA. John Dameron m. Molly Hardy 1786.

NORFOLK COUNTY, VA., MARRIAGES:

Winona Dameron (wid.) m. Lem'l Coverley 7/4/1770.
Fanny m. Joseph Vesey 8/20/1779.
Farnewell m. Robert Gough 7/28/1795.
James m. Jane Keeling 12/22/1795.
Ann m. Richard Fryer 8/29/1799.
Ann (relict of Wm. Heath) m. Thomas Dameron (son Geo.) 1729. (?)

VIRGINIA: (no reference given except V. 21, Va. Mag. for John Harris mentions grandson Geo. Ball and g-dau. Grace Haynie Ball.

About 1764 Thos.Waddy m. his 2nd cousin, Ann Dameron, youngest dau. of Thos and Ann Dameron, sister of Geo. Dameron. On Nov. 10, 1766, Thos. Waddy was appointed gdn. for his niece Nancy Dameron whose estate was then in the hands of her stepfather, Robt. Pinckhard. Nancy Dameron's mother was Elizabeth Waddy, widow of Joseph Dameron m. secondly Robert Pinckhard. Hayden's statement that Geo. Ball probably m. Grace Waddy is due to fact that SarahHarris Haynie, mother of Grace Haynie Ball, widow of Anthony Haynie, m. 2nd Francis Waddy and in her will Sarah Waddy named her dau. Grace Ball.

American Archives 4th series, McKenzie I. ? Ann, wife of Thomas Dameron, mother of George Dameron, named in will of Geo. Ball as my grandson, Geo. Dameron.

LINCOLN COUNTY, TENNESSEE: Eva Cole, wife Michael Dameron, 8/7/1870-3/7/1904.

ILLINOIS: JOHNSON, MASSAC, POPE, HARDIN COUNTIES, p. 465. John M.C. Dameron, M.D. of Johnson Co., Ill. b. in Weakley Co., Tenn. 2/20/1824, father Chas. Dameron, b. in Ky. to Wilson Dameron who was b. in Va. removed to Ky. was scout to D.Bonne. Chas. Dameron d. ab. 1878 m. Mary Carson of Middle, Tenn. ab. 1882. John M.C. Dameron m. 1 Elizabeth Bucker in 1850, d. 1852, m. 2. 1855, Adeline Standard d. 1877, 1 ch. Leonidas, by Elizabeth Buckner. Children by Adeline Standard: Franklin, Emma, Mollie, Jennie, Lucy, Augusta, John. John M.C. Dameron m. 3rd, Adelia Knowles in 1878. She d. 1887. He m. 4th 1888 Alice Matheny Murdock.

Hist. Hancock Co., Ill. by W. Gregg, p. 700 (200?) Wm. P. Damron, native of Pendleton, County, Va. b. 3/7/1833, son of George H. and Jane (Lyon) Dameron, natives of Va. m. Catherine E. Segar, native of N. J. Ch. Lena L. and Wm. H.

WEST VIRGINIA AND HER PEOPLE, V. 3, 732-824, John S. Damron b. Wayne Co., Va. m. Mortylee Shannon d. 1902. Ch. 1. Florence m. J. M. Brown (Williamson, Va.), 2. Anthony Wayne b. 7/8/1882, m.(?) 26/1907 Sally Chapin 3/24/1890 (ch. 1. Clairk Allyn b. 12/13/1909. 2. Anna Eloise b. 2/24/1911). 3. Maggie m. Joseph Narcum (Dunbar W. Va.) 4. Mary m. I.C. Brown (Portsmouth, O.) 5. Richard. 6. George H. 7. Audra.

HISTORY OF NEW ORLEANS, V. 3, by J.S. Kendall, Frank Dameron b. New Orleans 11/11 1861, son of James Dawson and Camilla Davis (Palfrey) Dameron, m. 1894, Mary Margaret Ivy, ch. Robert Moore, dec'd and Alice Ivy, m. 1909 Isabel Duggan, ch. Frank Jr., Lillian Mary and John Palfrey.

HISTORY ADAMS COUNTY, NEBRASKA: Nicholas F. Damron b. Pike Co., Mo. 12/4/1838, one of 8 ch. b. to James T. and Martha J. (Thurman) Dameron, who were native Virginians. Father d. Minn. 1861, wife 1887. M. 1861 Francis V. Jefferson, native of N. Y. ch. Edith, James F. (Hastings, Nebr.), Birdie.

Mrs. Jewell also received a letter 1951 from Mrs. Wesley Waldrop, 1602 Miller Avenue, Murry, Ky., saying, "My husband's great-grandfather was Alexander Dameron Jackson. His mother was a Dameron from Virginia. Do you have a Dameron that married a Jackson?" She likewise sent me the following from Leo L. Holz, 417 Lewis Street, Los Angeles, and it seems that he worked on the Joseph Dameron line of Missouri etc., and made the errors which got into the DAR records, which I have noted in my section on the Caswell County, N.C., and Missouri Damerons. His letters follow, which show that the Huguenot story must have originated here also:

Feb. 15, 1939: "A few years back I put in considerable time trying to straighten out the records of the Dameron Family, and to that end I drew up several charts at various times and sent them to different members or relatives of the Dameron family, hoping to eventually get data which would straighten out my records. To some extent I accomplished something, though nothing to compare with my expectations. I had been working on several different families, and on some I got better results, I so have putmost of my time since then on those families. Also I had to modify my ideas on the Damerons in a few instances, so I do not even know whether the data you have seen accords with the latest information on the Damerons.

"All available data seems to show that there is but the one Dameron family in this country, which of course simplifies the search in that one extent, that we can know that every Dameron is a member of the family, and hence a relative in some degree.

"I completed the line on which I was working about four years ago, by the method mentioned above, as I eventually contacted a Mrs. Galbraith in Kansas City, Mo., who sent me a sheaf of data from her Family Bible which supplies the missing links in the chain. But on other branches of the family I have done very little since then.

"There are many families in the country who present quite an interesting Family History, and of course, all families here are derived from previous European families, although the connection in many instances is difficult if not impossible to trace. The Dameron Family is of French Huguenot origin. They left France during the Huguenot persecution and went to Suffolk, England, where John Dameron (1482-1548) founded the family which eventually sent pioneers to this country. The first American colonist was Lawrence Dameron who founded the Northumber land Damerons in 1652. So far as I have been able to discover, this Northumberland family is the progenitor of all the Damerons here, although the later branch which remainedin that county is the one generally referred to as the Northumberland Damerons.

"Too often in genealogy, the names of female members of the family are slighted, and sometimes not even mentioned, as the tendency was to consider that inasmuch as the girls would marry and take another name, then their records would be included in the genealogy of that family. I have tried as far as possible to keep the female lines intact.

"One great aid to you may be in the records of the D.A.R. They publish a volume at frequent intervals (a few months apart) giving the names of the new members of the D.A.R. In the back of each volume is indexed the names of these members; and in a separate index is given the 'Honor Roll' that is, the names of those Revolutionary heroes from whom these moderns clám to be descended. Reference then to the name where it appears in the body of the book will show the complete line of descent claimed. There were two of these Revolutionary Damerons, at least; Christopher and Joseph. Oh yes, there is also a Bartholomew, and possibly others.

"You say you hope to eventually prepare a complete Dameron genealogy? I must say you are ambitious, and I wish you all the luck in the world; and furthermore I am willing to cooperate with you to the best of my ability. But I wonder if you realize what you are undertaking? Genealogy is a fascinating hobby, with the redeeming feature that it is a very useful and interesting one. But it calls for patience and perseverance. So if you want to compile a genealogy, don't expect to complete it this year, or next, or the next, but make up your mind that you will work on it until every detailed part has been carefully followed out. The essential requirement is this: don't give up if you seem to be checkmated; some solution will eventually present itself. And don't try to see how soon you can get it done; but do be sure about how accurately it is done. Don't guess at anything; or assume for instance that because an ancestor named John Smith was born about 1727 in Richmond County, Va., that he is necessarily the John Smith you find in some other genealogy born 1728 in the same county. They may be the same, but even chances they are not. I speak from experience. That is why I wish to know just what Damron genealogy of my preparation you have seen.. I made the error in the early days of assuming too much, and later had to correct my charts when the correct data presented itself.

"I have been working now for five years or more on two other families: Exline and Penrod. On the former I have had the best results. This family came to Pennsylvania in 1727; is the only family of the name in the country (the spelling Axline is a variation)... my present records include some six thousand names. The Penrod Family is also theonly family of the name in this country; settled in Pennsylvania in 1772, and was more prolific than the Exline Family, so my work is slower with it. The Exline genealogy is almost ready to publish; the Penrod family will take a coupleyears more work. The Dameron Family has been here nearly a century longer than either of the two mentioned, and has also been very prolific, so if you stop short of ten thousand names your records will not be very complete. Try looking up the name Dameron in the city directories of the various large cities; these directories are to be found in any large library. Will be glad to hear from you for any further data, and will be glad to help you get started and also help gather the data."

Another letter from Leo Holz was Apr. 26, 1940, but he did not answer the reply of AureliaJewell: "The fact of the matter is that Dameron data is very scarce, but principally it is so conflicting. If the early generations could have thought of some name other than Christopher, Bartholomew, Thomas, George and Joseph, it would have helped us immensely. You were interested in the identity of a Nancy Dameron, and as I told you in my letter I had found none in the records anywhere near the necessary age. But I just last week found one of that name, though the date is still a little uncertain. You said she was born somewhat earlier than 1800. The one I found was born between 1757 and 1765. Will this be too early?

"Her father was Joseph Dameron and her mother Elizabeth Waddy, who were married in February 1757, shewas also of Dameron descent. This father, Joseph, I have not been able to identify yet for sure, but this is her mother's ancestry:

"Elizabeth Waddy: b. abt. 1737, dau. of John Waddy and Elizabeth Dameron b. abt. 1710.

"Elizabeth Dameron: dau. of George Dameron 1685-1720 and Margaret Taylor.

"George Dameron: son of George Dameron 1648-1698 and Elizabeth Dennis.

"George Dameron, son of Lawrence Dameron 1595-1660, and Dorothy _____."

He wanted "any data on any Joseph Dameron" or "any Christopher Damron."

APPENDICES: THE DAMRON-DAMERON GENEALOGY.
(Send additions and changes to Helen Foster Snow, Mungertown Road, Madison, Conn.

LIST OF ADDRESSES OF THE DAMERON FAMILY AND CONNECTIONS AS OF THE YEAR 1953

VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA:

DESCENDANTS OF BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON:

Mrs. Lester Weaver,
2801 4th Avenue,
Richmond, Va.

Mr. M.F. Cleaton,
368 Church Avenue, S.W.,
Roanoke, Va.

Mr. John A. Dameron,
Petersburg, Va.

Miss Mary W. Fleming,
355 Lexington Avenue,
Richmond, Va.

Mr. J.A. Leach, Jr.
380 Va. Avenue,
Richmond,Va.
(He is president of the bank in Richmohd.)

Mr. J. McIver Leach,
Smithfield, Va.

Mr. Walter Dameron,
Smoky Ordinary,
Near Lawrenceville,
Brunswick Co., Va.

Miss Tempe Dameron,
Warrenton, N.C.

J.A. Dameron,
Warrenton, N.C.

Mrs. W. H. Dameron,
Warrenton, N.C.

James Dameron,
moved to Mississippi,
Descendants lost to the record.

Mrs. Guy Million,
Frederick Hotel,
Boonesville, Mo.
"Please hand to nearest of Kin."

OTHER DAMERONS:

Barker Dameron,
Greensboro, N.C.

E.S.W. Dameron,
Burlington, N.C.

A. Max Coppedge,
1200 Fairfax,
Radford, Va.
(Rel. to Elizabeth Dameron m. John Coppedge, went to Fauquier Co.)

Mr. Dameron,
W.L.W. Station,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Dameron,
Fayetteville, N.C.
(R.F.D.)

Ruth Damron Dorius,
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